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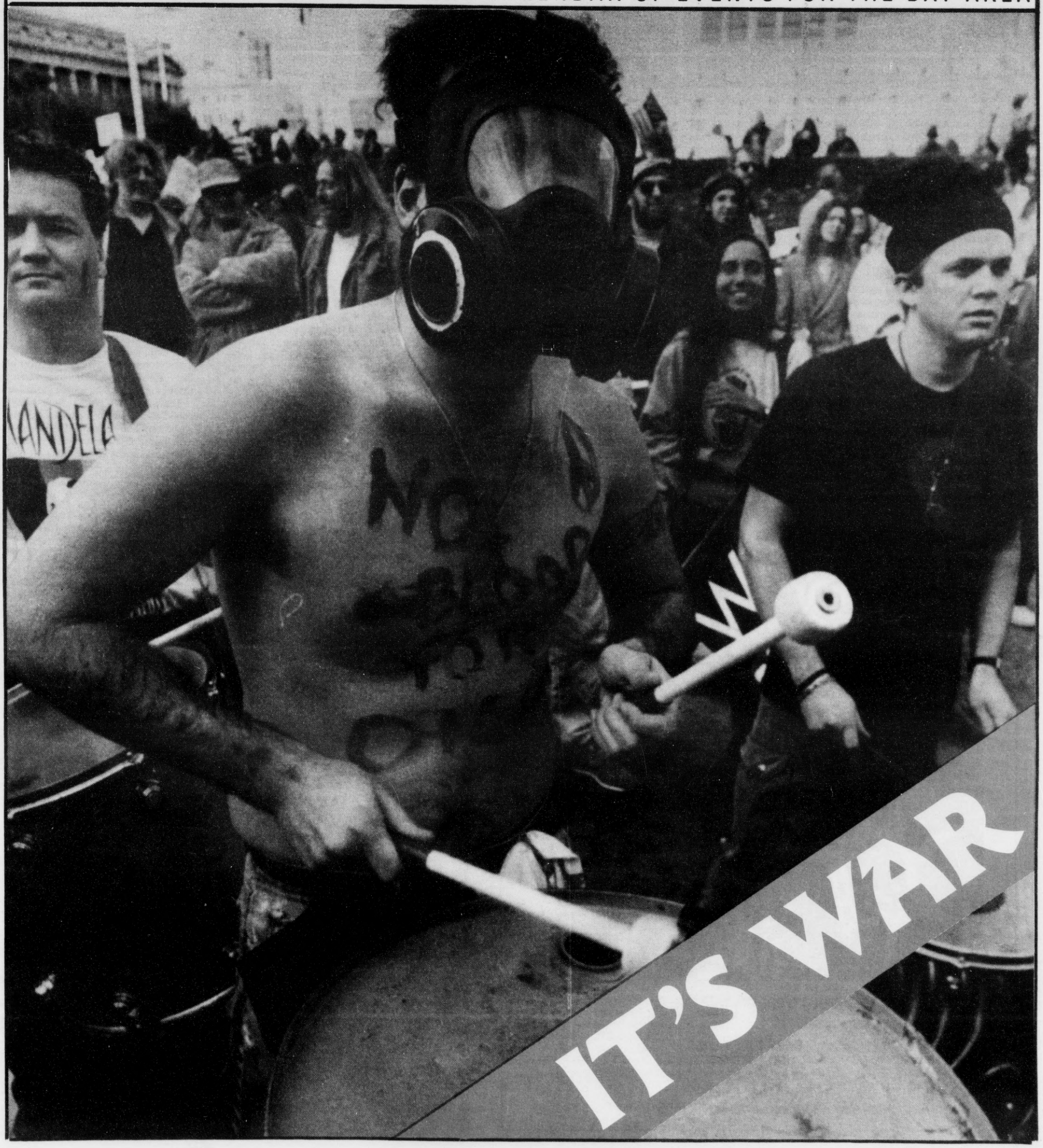

LETTERS

ACT UP Responds to Rob Morse

ACT UP/Golden Gate would like to respond to your column in the January 19, 1991 edition of the *San Francisco Examiner* entitled "Stupid in the Streets." Particularly to your reference to "a group of about 25 ACT UP types" and the action taken by that group at the Pacific Stock Exchange.

We resent your stereotyping of ACT UP and your cheap generalization of "ACT UP types" as representative of the violence prone participants in last week's many anti-war demonstrations. Obviously, you do not know much about ACT UP or the people who belong to that organization. ACT UP is a diverse group of individuals representing all aspects of the community, leather jackets or not. ACT UP has been and always will be a non-violent organization. Any actions involving ACT UP/Golden Gate in civil disobedience have been non-violent on our part. For you to imply otherwise by feeding on cliches and stereotypes is not only irresponsible, but very ignorant as well.

The action at the Pacific Stock Exchange was done by individuals not representing ACT UP/Golden Gate. At no time did our general body discuss or endorse any such action. We neither support nor condemn what occurred at the stock exchange and resent your thinly veiled implication that we did.

By associating these "types" with ACT UP, you have conjured an image in your readers' minds that ACT UP is a violence prone group of irresponsible anarchists. An image quite popular with media types like yourself. We would recommend you use the services provided by your employer and familiarize yourself with what ACT UP has accomplished over the past 3 years, i.e., helping to establish clinical drug trials, establishment of a parallel track program, and the release of AZT, to name a few.

It is true that ACT UP is a loud and constant voice in the fight against AIDS and we may not always approach things in the usual manner. But at no time has ACT UP deliberately caused physical harm or destroyed personal property by any of its actions. With 100,000 people already dead from this disease, your snide and uninformed comments do not help, but hinder.

One final note: Since your column appeared, one of our members has received a few threatening and harassing phone calls at his home. Those "types," in your opinion, may have been stupid in the streets, but your stupidity in print has much further consequences than the action you condemn.

ACT UP—FIGHT BACK—GET THE FACTS

Sincerely yours,
Media Relations Committee
ACT UP/Golden Gate

An Open Letter From Mayor Art Agnos

We face a grave time.

Our nation has entered a conflict in which lives will be lost and suffering faced by all of us.

San Franciscans are serving in our armed forces, and their families now endure a difficult wait for their safe return. Our hopes and hearts are with them and with all those called to serve.

I understand and respect the protests in our city streets.

The Board of Supervisors and I, as well as religious, business, labor and citizens have spoken out against a course of war. We do not want war. The war we wanted was a war against AIDS, homelessness and poverty.

As Mayor, I call on all San Franciscans, whether they support or oppose this military action, to respect a standard of peace in our own city.

We must not allow policy decisions in Washington to damage us by dividing us in San Francisco.

Violence against police officers or citizens is not acceptable in our city and not consistent with the values of San Francisco.

I do not want to have to visit the hospital bedside of wounded police officers or protesters, any more than I want to have to visit the hospital bedside of wounded American service men and women.

San Francisco has adopted new standards for handling demonstrations that are cautious and conservative in the use of force. That standard will be upheld. I want to again state that this does not extend to violence against individuals, including police officers, or against property.

I have been proud to speak for a San Francisco that is recognized as a city of civility and conscience. Our conscience has spoken. Our civility now must be demonstrated in equal measure.

We must continue to condemn and guard against anti-semitism and prejudice against Arab Americans who are part of our city's family.

The success of peace demonstrations will depend on how peaceful they are, not how violent or disruptive they could become. Peace is the best message San Francisco can send.

San Francisco demonstrated during the earthquake that we can pull together as a city. There was no rioting, no looting, and the crime rate went down almost by half. There was no damage done except that done by the earthquake itself. San Franciscans took care of one another. I am asking you to do that again at this grave time.

San Francisco is a city that can be an example for our respect for differences, and our willingness to see each other as fellow citizens who share a special city. It is that quality which will see us through this period.

Art Agnos
Mayor
San Francisco

Overreaction Equals Overtime

An open letter to Mayor Agnos:

On Friday, January 18, I participated in the lesbian/gay demonstration of opposition to the war called by DAGGER (Dykes and Gay Guys Emergency Response). We gathered at the Federal building, proceeded to Civic Center Plaza by the AIDS vigil, stopped in at the Parc 55 Hotel and were proceeding east on Ellis St. when the police declared an unlawful assembly. We were boxed in on Ellis bounded by Powell and Stockton by large numbers of riot cops, and told to exit on the eastern side of the block. But police did not allow people to exit the block. This created an unnecessary panic situation. Surely if you had been there, peaceably demonstrating, and found yourself boxed in by several layers of riot cops with batons, you would have reacted the same way. The majority of protesters ran through a parking garage on the north side of the street. Eventually, after some shouting pointing out the illogic and contradiction of telling us to disperse and then blocking our way, I and some others exited from the east side of the block.

I am writing to say the police provoked a panic situation. True enough we entered the Parc 55 Hotel entrance briefly. I saw no damage or vandalism done and television reports confirmed this. I hope police presence is not being used to quell lawful protest of unfair labor practices in Local 2's long struggle with union-busting management.

One more point. I heard you quoted on CNN several times on Saturday as saying police costs are up to $100,000 a day due to protests. On Friday evening we regrouped near Powell and Market and slowly proceeded to the Castro followed by four Muni buses filled with riot cops. Why? How many cops fit in one bus? And how much are they each paid? This was a peaceful and creative protest. I observed responsible leadership and helpful monitors provided by the organizers.

While the rest of us are exercising our First Amendment rights, there is one slogan I hope you will repeat to yourself—overreaction equals overtime. Please stop blaming protesters for your own error in judgment, or whoever calls the shots with the police.

Sincerely,
Peter Tenney
San Francisco

Hospitality and Nonviolence

I am both heartened and disturbed by the January 15 and 16 marches in San Francisco. First, I am against the Middle East war because I am against all war. Until we stop relying on war as a viable solution to conflict, we will not discover other options that may be far more effective in terms of conflict resolution, as well as economic and human costs.

The immediacy with which many people are publicly protesting their resistance to the Middle East war is especially encouraging. These marches and demonstrations are not acts against sons and daughters serving in the military. Instead we value

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the lives of these men and women and want them returned alive and able-bodied to our country rather than delivered in body bags or disabled. We also value the lives of those people living in Iraq, Kuwait, Israel and other areas that will be devastated in a war.

I am, however, disturbed by two aspects. The first involves the violence and hostility that has occurred during these marches. The second is that fact that although only a small minority of demonstrators have participated in these acts, they, rather than the less sensational, peaceful demonstrators, have been the primary focus in most media coverage.

Regarding the violence, I share the rage that motivates these actions; however, property destruction and verbal threats and abuse are a waste of energy that could be far more effectively directed. For example, blocking the Bay and Golden Gate bridges, freeways and intersections, targets and potentially antagonizes or alienates people who could be effective allies to shorten and stop this war. This type of direct action would be far more constructive at the Concord Naval Weapons Station where there is currently a blockade trying to halt weapon transport to the Middle East.

While marching in protest of entering war, I witnessed many commuters who demonstrated their support of the marchers by turning off their engines, returning V-ed fingers, and honking while other drivers were frustrated or angry to be unexpectedly trapped in traffic due to the unanticipated route of this march.

Some demonstrators were able to remain present with, and understanding of, the frustration of these drivers while also remaining firm that they could not drive through this sea of people protesting President Bush's action. However, other demonstrators met the hostility of drivers with equal hostility and some of us found ourselves in the position of having to calm both parties to prevent fights or injuries.

In the case of meeting hostility with hostility, throwing bottles at police who are simply standing as a protective line around buildings, breaking windows and burning police cars, I cannot help but see in microcosm the same behavior the world is witnessing between President Bush and President Hussein.

Fortunately, the overwhelming majority of protesters are directing their anger peacefully such as: participating in prayer vigils; blockading weapon transportation; writing and calling the President, Congressmembers and Senators to urge them to stop this war and to not reinstate the draft; organizing and participating in demonstrations, marches and educational forums; calling Mayor Agnos to support his stand on nonviolent police response; pressuring the media for accurate coverage of war resistance; participating in nonviolence training and perhaps draft counselor training; and other creative responses.

In order to create a world of peace, justice and equality, we as individuals, and as members of groups, must live this commitment in our lives as fully as possible or else we will continue to perpetuate the very ethics and institutions we are demonstrating against.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Oakley
San Francisco

Never Mind

What's all this I hear about hunting down and destroying studs? A lot of those guys look kind of macho, but once you get to know them they can be very nice. A lot of that attitude you hear so much about is really nothing more than being shy and trying to look butch. What's the sense in destroying studs? If you ask me, we have so many bottoms in this town, we could use a few more studs! Spending so much energy to hunt them down is understandable, if a little pathetic, but once we find them we shouldn't be trying to destroy them. This is crazy! What did any of those studs ever do to harm anyone?

What?

"SCUDS?"

Oh, I thought you said, "Studs." That's very different. Never mind.

Emily LeTiger
San Francisco

Butch/Femme: A Ridiculous Debate

Your cover story, ("Butch and Femme: Who's On Top?", *SF Bay Times*, January 1991) on what you aggrandize as an issue as hot as the Persian Gulf crisis, has finally pushed me over the edge. This ridiculous debate over who's the butch and who's the femme is yet another example of how we continue not only to wear but to defend the blinders forced on us by heterosexual socialization. Who are we kidding? By any definition, butch means male and femme means female. Remember being asked, "Who plays the man and who plays the woman in your relationship?" and becoming angry at the narrow, limited roles assigned to us by an ignorant society?

We are all socialized in a fiercely homophobic, heterosexist, racist, misogynistic world and our attitudes and beliefs are forever impacted by this bucket of garbage we carry. Butch and femme are categories chosen for us by this same world that intends to divide us and take away our power. By keeping alive this practice of labeling, we perpetuate our own oppression.

I believe we have reached a place in our evolution where we can now clearly see the harm in compartmentalizing and reducing everything. The butch/femme dichotomy says we are either one or the other, establishing a duality which limits our ability to become whole human beings. I say we are a uniquely different combination and balance of energies that cannot be reduced to such simplistic terms.

It saddens me that we waste our vital energies in our community by continuing this debate. It is not an issue of political correctness; what kind of sex is allowable for lesbians, nor is it a pro-sex, anti-sex battle. It is all about the chains we padlock onto ourselves and to each other. But by labeling ourselves we limit our sexual expression to two roles. How absolutely boring! I wholeheartedly embrace the celebration of our differences but I reject the current assertion that there are only two.

Finally, I object to your sensationalized cover and skewed article. You're sounding more like the big guys everyday. In fairness I expect you to print the ideas of other authors who write on the subject of lesbian sexuality. For example, you could interview Susan Griffin or Audre Lorde. It is completely unfair to print only the ideas of Susie Sexpert, JoAnn Loulan and now Joan Nestle, and to imply that they in some way represent the values of the total lesbian community. In fact, they do not. The "expert" opinions of these women do not apply to me or the majority of the women I know. Perhaps you would like to put some of us on the cover of your next issue, but then, that wouldn't sell papers, would it?

Laurie Mattioli
Oakland

Lesbian Sexuality About Choice

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I've always thought that feminism and lesbian sexuality were about choices. Not trading one decade's arbitrary set of socially correct behavior rules for another decade's arbitrary set of politically correct behavior rules; but choices. Personal choices, made to please oneself, regardless of whether or not they please anyone else, as long as they do not hurt them.

It seems to me that the butch-femme question/argument is interesting socially and politically, particularly in light of our shared cultural his/herstory. But when it comes to attacks of one camp against the other, even to the point of stating that "if a woman is into this butch-femme behavior she *isn't* a lesbian," something is terribly wrong.

Women began to make non-traditional choices in their lives because they were unhappy with and felt oppressed by the roles society tried to thrust upon them. But if they are perfectly happy in a so-called traditional relationship, then why shouldn't they be as free to make that choice as any other?

In your interview with Fran and Mary, they both stated that they were happy in their relationship. And they have been together for twenty years, so something must be working. If neither one feels oppressed by the other, why should anyone else care if they are butch and femme types, respectively, in their relationship? Much less opine that they are not lesbians because of it. The presumptuous audacity of that line of thinking is incredible!

The last time I looked, lesbian identity was still open to self-identification. It will be a sad day indeed when admittance into "the club" is based upon a politico-social litmus test administered by 'Chloe,' whose courage of her convictions is so deep that she won't even associate her own name with her beliefs.

Deborah Russell
San Francisco

Learn A Little History

Lord, am I tired of these latter-day lesbos telling me what my life and our gay history was, when they weren't even there and can't hear the reports of those who were. First we learn that "pre-Stonewall, butch and femme was all there seemed to be." Bullshit! Before Stonewall (and probably afterward), most lesbians were in the closet, invisible to the likes of Vicky, having quiet social lives in living rooms. Some of us dressed butch for private parties, but many never expressed role differences in dress. What they/we did in the kitchen or bed, most have never been asked, so Vicky will never know. Vicky seems to think all lesbian bars were working-class. Bullshit! In the '50s, lesbian bars in S.F. were totally mixed: groups of heavy leather dykes and their femmes, very working class, with pairs of middle-class women in tailored blue suits and pumps, and no gender opposition. What they did in bed...

Stonewall, we're told, was a "seriously male event;" lesbians "weren't included." Bullshit! You missed Michael Sherker's wonderful presentation, shortly before his death, and you missed the KPFA documentary by Sherker and Issay, Vicky. You'd have heard a righteous dyke describing her active, *not* non-violent participation, and that of others, in the riots. After Stonewall, we learn, and after the second wave of feminism, "lesbians decided...they ought to be having sex" and coined terms like "non-monogamous" and "serial monogamy." Oh, honey! Tell us your exciting new info on the lifelong lesbian monogamy of the '20s, '30s, '40s, '50s! Give us a break! And some lesbians had even "waited a long time to have sex..."! Gosh!

Brownworth's potted 'history,' that assumes that all bars were working-class, all pre-1970 lesbians were butch or femme, had little, boring and purely monogamous sex and never got political until after feminism, is not only wrong, it is profoundly arrogant and deeply offensive. Brownworth's sources, Joan Nestle, Susie Bright, JoAnn Loulan and others, make clear the enormous variations in lesbian gender identities and roles that now exist and have always existed. But Brownworth is deaf to her own sources. While concluding with a sweet liberal call for tolerance toward all sexual variants (and note the confusion of sex acts with gender identity, of which they are only a part), in fact the narrow, ignorant pseudo-history she offers is the same oversimple, fascist, exclusionary mythology that is held by heterosexist society. Maybe she got it from watching TV?

I've heard you young'uns use the expression, "Get a life!" I say to Vicky, "Get a card!" Get a library card to the Harvey Milk Branch and get a book! And get a membership card for the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California (P.O. Box 42126, SF CA 94142) and get wise! And get your lyin' fingers off of *my life*!

Mildred Dickemann
(Professor Emeritus, Anthropology,
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Richmond

Butch/Femme Dichotomies

I appreciate your having run your cover story last month. The butch/femme issue is a fascinating one and is arousing quite a lot of debate in the lesbian community these days—not to mention arousing quite a few lesbians! The article was well done, though somewhat brief and sketchy for my own personal tastes. Victoria Brownworth deserves credit for tackling a complex issue in a limited amount of space and, especially, for doing so without judgement or condemnation toward any of the perspectives expressed.

I agree with Joan Nestle that the social convention/erotic distinction we call butch/femme needs to be discussed and explored *more*, not less. I am an identical twin and maybe for that reason dichotomies have always fascinated me. Certainly a lot of spiritual thinking also incorporates paradoxical or contrasting notions—yin and yang is one example. S/M is certainly another. Without going into a long discourse about it, I will say that I believe a great deal of truth can be found by examining ideas which seem antithetical on the surface, or whose energy derives from opposites. Generally, concepts we experience as "contrasting" are very much intertwined, interdependent or even alike, in their force if not their appearance. Butch/femme is one of these. As a femme, my experience with butch women is that their vulnerability is equalled by their surface strength; in fact, vulnerability and strength are flip sides to the same coin. So it also stands to reason that a seemingly vulnerable, "soft" femme may be very tough in ways that aren't immediately apparent and have no relation to social or sexual behavior.

S/M is also full of similar "contradictions." Although the partner who identifies as a top would seem to hold all the power, this is in fact not the case. Some practitioners of S/M believe that the bottom is ultimately the one with the power. Others—I am one—believe that the goal in this kind of sexual ritual must be an exchange of power, a flow of energy.

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DR. DONALD ABRAMS
Physician and AIDS Researcher

I am one of those '60s anti-war peace marchers that finds myself in the funny position of being in favor of the current intervention. I marched on Washington D.C. and wore armbands in college, but Saddam Hussein is a madman that threatens the stability of the world. I am becoming a little disturbed at the linkage of anti-war sentiment with pro-AIDS treatment sentiment; it's not productive for the AIDS movement.

ROBERTA ACHTENBERG
San Francisco Supervisor

No, I don't. I am not sure there is ever a war that a nation can afford, but if so, this is not that war. We are in a massive recession which I feel will turn into a depression. We currently do not have the will to fund public education, early intervention for AIDS, a cure for breast cancer, prenatal care, homes for the homeless and food for the hungry.

Because of our impatience and rash action, we have helped create a situation that has destabilized the entire region, that has put the security of Israel in jeopardy, and may have destroyed for all time the Persian Gulf. There must be an immediate ceasefire. We should convene an international peace conference and do everything we can to stabilize the area, contain Saddam Hussein, maintain secure borders for Israel, a secure space for the Palestinians and try to clean up the mess we have made.

PETER ALTMAN
Queer Nation and AIDS Activist

As a dual American and Israeli citizen, many relatives, friends and my ex all live in Tel Aviv, so at this point my reaction is very personal. It has been very painful and agonizing for me to see the missile attacks live on TV and make phone calls to my friends when they are wearing their gas masks. I hate Saddam Hussein, and I am extremely angry at the West, especially Germany, for arming him, only 40-some years after a large number of my relatives died in Europe. I don't want a ground war against Iraq because I don't feel that 18 and 19-year-old Americans have any responsibility for building up Saddam Hussein; but I support the air war against Hussein, even though with the atmosphere in this community it is hard to say that. I am horrified at the anti-Semitism and the rabid Israel bashing on the part of some elements of the gay and lesbian community, and while I know many are genuinely marching for peace and I respect them, I know many of them refuse to condemn the missile attacks on Tel Aviv, and those people have co-opted the peace movement.

T.J. ANTHONY
Gay Political Activist

I abhor war and violence of any kind against any people, no matter the reason, no matter the aim. The loss of human life, the consequences to our environment and to world stability are at stake. We should be fighting battles of disease, poverty, illiteracy and injustice in this country, not trying to play cop with the world as our beat. I am particularly saddened by the escalation and how it entangles people and living things that have never been a part of this conflict. I am concerned about the elements of anti-Semitism and racism that are spurring this war on, both in the Middle East and in this country. I abhor violence and prejudice, and those are the makings of this war.

TIANA ARRUDA
Old Wives' Tales bookstore

No, I don't support the war. I am against all wars. By this century we should be able to solve conflicts in a different kind of way. Also, we are in the war for economic reasons, not for the reasons the administration says. The U.S. government says they have given Iraq all the time possible, and they cannot wait any longer for the sanctions to work. But the U.S. always does what they want: They have had an embargo with Cuba for 30 years, and they have not changed their minds about that. They can keep economic sanctions as long as they want, when it is in their interests. When it's not, they go in and fight.

SUSIE BRIGHT
Editor, *On Our Backs*

I don't support the war. It is appropriate that there is a slogan "No Blood For Oil!" Oil is the new gold standard. When George Bush talks about the "New World Order" that is the new word for imperialism, but that "New World Order" is his indication that he is restructuring U.S. superiority in the world strictly through military might. We don't take care of quality of life, or of nurturing or education; that is all fourth rate compared to military domination of the world as a way of political domination.

Everyone knows this war is not in the interests of women's rights and homosexual rights, and yet many women and gay people support this war thinking that somehow our self interest is what this war is about. People had better start linking up their own political interest at home with our international adventures. There is nothing going on in the Middle East that changes the status quo of severe repression of women and sexual minorities. It has nothing to do with why we are there, and there is nothing else I would be willing to fight for.

SALLY GEARHART
Chair, Women Studies Department
SF State University

No, I don't support the war because I don't believe it is our war. In fact, I don't believe that any war is our war. I want to make it clear that I am not saying I don't support the troops—the best way it seems to me to support the troops is to bring 'em home. We have the largest response from the people of the U.S. against the war that we have seen in history—even though the mainline media is not reporting it that way. It seems to be a very crucial time in history. I don't see how this could in any way be beneficial to anybody—the human race, animals, the environment. My wish is that we tuck our tails and run, and let us begin to talk about different ways that we can relate to each other and to the earth.

JOSE GONZALES
Executive Director CURAS
Latino Community AIDS Organization

No, I don't support the war. I don't feel like any kind of intervention on a political level is relevant when here at home we have a war to fight ourselves in terms of the AIDS epidemic. It is that simple.

MARIAH HANSON
Women's Club Producer

I don't support the war per se, but Saddam Hussein should be stopped for a lot of reasons. He is trying to gain control of two-thirds of the global oil reserves and is headed for nuclear power, but we should have given economic sanctions time. We rushed into it, and it is really sad that a lot of people are losing their lives when there are other options.

HAPPY-L.A. HYDER
Director of Lesbian Visual Artists
Lebanese American

No. So many reasons, it is not an easy thing. For one thing, it is an extremely racist war. There is all this information we have that is not being used. I believe there is no rationale for war in general, and in this one especially, considering how advanced the arts of communication and negotiation are, and neither seems to have been used.

The fact that they went in quickly proves that the sanctions would have worked, but they did not want them to. The only reason this war is being held is so the military weapons can be tried out. There is no consciousness in it. To hear George Bush sending all these people in, knowing that many thousands will die, and that he will be going on with his life as normal, makes me very angry. There is no reason for this war.

KEN JONES
Executive Director, STOP AIDS Project

I am a Vietnam War veteran. I spent ten years in the Navy, and the thought of a war in the 1990s I find frightening. As an AIDS activist, the war costs a half a billion dollars a day of our money—it will have to come from someplace and my best guess is that Health and Human Service programs will be affected and I don't support the war. As a veteran I think it's important that we support the brave and courageous young people whose lives are on the line. I am also very, very fearful about President Bush's history as the past director of the CIA; that really shapes the tone of this war, and the information, maybe I should say misinformation, that the American citizens are being fed.

LANI KAAHUMANU
BiPOL, Bisexual Activist Group

I don't support the war. In the '60s I was Another Mother for Peace and very active in protesting the Vietnam War. I am sickened by the fact that we are once again engaged in a war that serves the oil companies, acts as a testing ground to show off overpriced military toys, and couches the violence of war in anesthetized terms like surgical strike. The violence of war hits home when suddenly our government has billions of dollars to feed a war machine, yet people are dying because there is inadequate health care and insufficient funds allocated to AIDS research, education and services.

RABBI YOEL KAHN
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

We should never have started the war; sanctions should have been given more time. Now that we are in the war, and particularly after the attacks on Israel, I think we have to stop Saddam Hussein. It is certainly necessary to stop him from firing his missiles at cities, including Tel Aviv, obviously. However, the longer we are there fighting the harder it will be for US troops to ever leave, and for the peace dividend to ever be discovered again.

PETER LASKA
Queer Activist, HI MOM
(Homosexual Ideological Mobilization against the Oppressive Military)
Former NAVY Midshipman

The fact that we are in a war at all is a massive failure of the administration. The role of the government is to provide and protect, and the most horrible failure is to have gotten us into a war; it is the biggest fuck-up that Bush could have done. It is the result of 40 years of short-sighted foreign policy.

I am very much against the war, but now because they are over there we cannot just stop and pull them out. You have to remove them carefully, or there will be a massacre on the way out. I do understand from Vietnam that you cannot fight a partial war. If this is going to continue, I am all for doing it fully, as disgusting as it is. George Bush has burned all the bridges to do anything but fight. The only thing apart from an all-out engagement, is bring them back. Otherwise, it will just be a slow slaughter.

CAROL MIGDEN
San Francisco Supervisor

I support our troops. It was a policy decision to go to war, one I don't agree with. We have to separate our political and strategic decisions from our unequivocal support for our men and women overseas.

REVEREND JIM MITULSKI
Metropolitan Community Church

I can't speak for the church; my opinions are mine only. I am against the war. I don't think that military means of resolving conflicts are appropriate, ever. As a Christian, I am opposed to all forms of military service under any circumstances. To me it is one more example of the U.S. asserting ourselves to protect economic interests. It is part of our history to do that, and I think it is immoral. I recognize it is a morally complicated situation and every person has to figure out for themselves how to participate, but I feel very strongly that to dissent can be an act of loyalty. I dissent, but I don't see myself as disloyal to our country or the people serving in the military.

BANG NGUYEN
Gay Asian Pacific Alliance

I don't support the war. I think this is showing arrogance; we are trying to intervene in other people's affairs. We have enough problems at home dealing with AIDS and racism. Bush is trying to create a war so that he does not have to deal with the problems at home, such as the recession.

BEN SHATZ
Gay Rights Attorney

I have been agonizing over this, and I have come to the conclusion that I can't oppose the war. I am generally an anti-militarist and tend to distrust American foreign policy, but this is a complex issue. I am frustrated and angered by the sloganeering on the left. As a Jew, I am very concerned about a powerful dictator who has threatened to make Israel a crematorium. I care deeply about the survival of Israel, and also about the need for a Palestinian state, and I believe that Saddam Hussein is screwing over the Palestinians worse than anyone. Much of the left in this country has swallowed his line unquestioningly that he is the protector of the Palestinians.

There is a major distinction between this war and Vietnam. I do not believe we had any moral justification for fighting the Vietnam war—I do believe that Saddam Hussein is a genocidal maniac who has to be stopped. I find it impossible to imagine that a man who would gas his own civilians would ever respond to the suffering of his own people under sanctions. That all said, this is a tough issue, and I am very concerned about the diversion of financial resources from social programs to war.

LAURA THOMAS
ACT UP-San Francisco

No, I do not support the war. The U.S. has no business being in the Middle East. We can't financially support this war. The government can only scrape together a few lousy million dollars for a city that has been devastated by AIDS, yet it can spend one million on one lousy Patriot missile. The Ryan White care bill money that was allocated to San Francisco is equivalent to the cost of six Patriot missiles. And because of the war, the government is cracking down on civil rights here. The U.S. says that Iraqis are terrorists, but Americans are bombing the homes of Arab Americans here. The U.S. is the terrorist country.

CARMEN VASQUEZ
Gay and Lesbian Health Coordinator
SF Department of Public Health

No, I don't support the goddamned war. From my perspective, the government is giving us the same old lies. This is not a war about the liberation of Kuwait, or democracy, or human rights; it is a power grab for control of the region. One power grab does not justify another. There is no way in the world we can set up someone like Saddam Hussein for ten years, and not know he is a monster. Also, we have many fronts at home that we are losing lives to. The world community has other resources at its disposal to deal with Hussein. This kind of mindless destruction will not solve the problem; it will destabilize the region and commit U.S. troops there for a long time. Humanity has reached a point where we should deal with these kinds of conflicts differently.

JERRY WINDLEY
ACT UP-Golden Gate

I am speaking strictly as an individual involved in AIDS activism, and as a person with HIV instead of a member of a specific group. I do not support the war in the Gulf because it takes away from the various domestic problems in the country—more money was spent on this war in a day than was spent on AIDS in ten years. If we could stack the body bags of people who have died from AIDS in front of the White House, you could not see the White House. This war just proves that George Bush is wimping out on the domestic problems of this country. He hides behind military superiority, instead of dealing with domestic inferiority.

JACKIE WINNOW
Lesbian Activist, Honorary Chair of Women's Cancer Resource Center

I do not support the war. The American public, Israel and the Arab nations have been manipulated into the war. I don't think we know what is going on at the war front itself, or the peace table—if you can call it that—before the war. I don't think we are being told what is going on, and I certainly feel that war is not the answer to solving the Middle East crisis. It will only exacerbate it.

Beating the Draft

The Facts, The Strategies and the Likelihood of Conscription

BY TIM KINGSTON

Faced with the possibility of being drafted, thousands of young men are jamming phone lines at draft and conscientious objector (CO) counseling centers throughout the Bay Area. Now that war is on, and a draft conceivable, peace groups, Vietnam veterans and religious organizations have swung into action to build a network of draft counseling centers, sanctuary churches and hotlines throughout the Bay Area. (See resource list.)

The majority of the callers want to know how a draft will work, when it would go into effect, and what can be done to avoid it. "We are totally swamped," says Ann Barhoum, the assistant director of Palo Alto's Peninsula Peace Center. She says callers include reservists who want to get out, 17- to 26-year-olds worried about the draft and "a tremendous number of parents."

For those in the reserves, the situation is grim, because many are already being called up to active duty. Their only real options are combat, refusal to obey orders or conscientious objection. A conscientious objector is someone who has deeply and sincerely held beliefs based on a moral, ethical and religious (but not political) opposition to all wars, not just this one. David Freedman, coordinator of the military counseling program of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO) in San Francisco, says his group is getting 500 calls a day asking for advice about the draft and CO status, and is handling the cases of about 400 military personnel. Glide Memorial Church has fielded over 2,000 calls since the war began, almost 250 of them dealing with questions about the draft or CO status. In early January, Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland held a two-part draft counselor training session attended by 130 people.

All this activity is despite the Pentagon's flat denial that the military has any intention of reinstating the draft and congressional sources' insistence that the Armed Service Committee is "categorically not" considering such a move. Peace activists and draft counselors are, however, deeply skeptical of such reassurances.

Freedman says the likelihood of a draft "depends on how the war is going... there have already been rumblings to institute it." He and other counselors envisage two scenarios that could lead to a draft: an extended war where "they need more bodies"; or a protracted occupation of Iraq "where they need to rotate troops—and the only way to do that is a draft." As the war continues, both scenarios become more likely, despite Bush's protestations to the contrary. Noting the President's stance on taxes, Freedman wryly noted, "Obviously, taking Bush at his word is not the greatest idea."

As far as gays, lesbians and bisexuals are concerned, the situation is less clear than the military's current homophobic regulations would lead one to believe. (See accompanying story.) Rebecca Bernhard, administrative director of the San Francisco-based Veterans Peace Action Teams, says all it would take is a change in the regulations. "Right now, if you are gay you are not allowed in, but if the army deemed it necessary to change the criteria, they would take someone who is a declared homosexual."

When *SF Bay Times* probed Pentagon spokesperson Major Doug Hart on whether or not gays, lesbians and bisexuals will be drafted, he adroitly demurred, "The Department of Defense does not plan on using, or asking, Congress to change the law and does not feel we need the draft—and to speculate beyond that is inappropriate."

Photo by Marc Geller

THE DRAFT

"If the draft is begun, it will go very quickly," warns Paul Greenblatt, a draft counselor and veteran working with the Peninsula Peace Center. The first lottery-chosen induction notices would be sent out barely three days after George Bush and Congress authorize a national emergency to legitimize a draft.

Patty Roberts, program manager of region five (the West Coast) of the Selective Service System (SSS), says that the first young men to be called up will be those whose 20th birthday falls *anytime* within the year of the call-up. The draft then proceeds by lottery up to those who are 25 years old. After that, youths of 19 would be called, and then 18-year-olds.

Roberts doubts that all those eligible would ever be called up because there are 14.5 million names already in the draft registration data banks, and before they are needed there are over a million reservists to be called up.

The first draftees would have exactly 10 days *from the day the induction notice is mailed* to report for duty or file for conscientious objector status or a medical deferment. Greenblatt says, "For anyone that would be eligible for considering reclassification [to conscientious objector] or deferment, that time is very small to get one's act together." He warned that those trying to get medical deferments or other deferments could get inducted before they are able to obtain firm documentation backing their claims.

Only a fraction of the exemptions from the Vietnam era would be available. The only deferments that exist now are conscientious objection, hardship, medical impairments, homosexuality, ministerhood or ministerial student status, and the deferment for "the sole surviving son," e.g., if any of a draftee's immediate family has already been killed in action.

The military's interpretation of deferments is strict. Freedman says he has documentation of a single mother whose children were put into foster care rather than granting her a hardship deferment. He says the military called that a reasonable solution.

Long-term student exemptions are a thing of the past. Roberts said the tightened draft rules are a result of the inequities of the Vietnam era, when disproportionate numbers of white middle class youth avoided service because of their student deferments.

Student deferments would only be valid until the end of the semester in which a student is called up—and in the case of seniors, until the end of their senior year. Once the deferment is up, they get bumped to the front of the lottery line.

That leaves conscientious objector status. There are two kinds. The first refuses to bear arms but will serve in the military—and usually gets posted to the front as a medic. The other flatly refuses to cooperate with the war machine in any way. While CO status is the first thing many war resisters think of, in reality it is a difficult process. The prospective CO will have to convince a hostile draft board of the sincerity of his or her intentions.

"Having your CO status approved is not easy and should not be considered the surest way to get out of the military," says Bernhard, "It is the most legal way and the most above-ground way, but it is not always accepted." She cites the case of one reservist as an example. Jeff Patterson, the first person to refuse orders to deploy to Saudi Arabia, was refused CO status and, instead, given an administrative discharge deeming him "a hazard to the best interests of the military."

Leonard McNeil, coordinator of the Youth and Militarism Program of the American Friends Service Committee, says even if CO status is granted, "there is a history of COs being harassed by the military. They get funky duty. They get harassed and intimidated by other soldiers, and there are cases where they have been physically attacked."

Finally, the chance of obtaining sanctuary elsewhere looks remote. Canada, for instance, where many resisters fled during Vietnam, is no longer a sanctuary. Greenblatt says, "What they did during those years—it was their way of opposing the war... Canada has troops over [in Saudi Arabia] fighting. So they have no particular affection for draft resisters at this point."

IN THE RESERVES IN THE SOUP

For those in the reserves, options are even more limited. Reservists who are activated and then file for CO status may end up in the war anyway, far away from any military counseling or peace support networks. Major Hart explains, "A person can start the paperwork at any point, but they must remain with their unit until a decision is made." Translated, they go where their unit is posted, i.e., the Gulf. He says there can be exemptions where individuals remain in the U.S., but that is up to the individual commanding officers.

The legal exodus from the military is also being stymied by a Stop-Loss policy that allows the service to hold onto personnel who are being discharged or due to retire. Major Hart, however, insisted that Stop-Loss "is not being used as a blanket authority" to keep people in the service. He says, "People are still getting out of the military, and administrative separations are still taking place"—the latter being the usual way gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals are eliminated. Major Hart says the Stop-Loss policy is now only being selectively enforced, primarily among medical personnel.

Critics of the military dispute such claims. Keith Mather, a G.I. resister and military counselor, says either the Stop-Loss policy is being broadly used to prevent reservists from leaving the military with CO status, or that CO applications are simply being ignored. Mather says he has "documented evidence" that one of his counselees in Camp Pendleton tried to submit his CO claim to his commanding officer. "The statement from the commanding officer was 'I am not gonna deal with that. You are being recycled.' Upon arriving at his new HQ and attempting to have his new commanding officer accept his application, it was then denied, the reason being that [the commanding officer] did not want to deal with the paperwork."

It is small wonder that some reservists and active duty personnel are going AWOL or are refus-

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Making love, not war: the gay community have been at the forefront of showing 'em how, with high visibility at all the anti-war demos to date.

ing orders. Mather says many Bay Area reservists and soldiers have already voted with their feet. "I know of at least 30 in the Bay Area that I am dealing with personally who are AWOL." Mather says he is convinced the total number of Bay Area AWOLs is far higher. (Mather stressed he cannot advise anyone to go AWOL; he can only give advice about possible penalties.)

Mather alleges that opposition to the war is developing among G.I.s in England, France and Germany, where he says at least 300 military service people are AWOL. Mather says he was told by Eric Seitz, an army attorney, that the entire Mannheim army stockade was full of soldiers who refused service in the Gulf. He contends they have now been deployed to Saudi Arabia. Mather alleges other witnesses have seen soldiers bound in leg irons and handcuffs on aircraft headed for the Mideast. He even alleges that a military doctor who went on hunger strike to oppose his deployment to Saudi Arabia was posted anyway, and his first orders there were to "Eat!"

One *SF Bay Times* staffer whose family has relatives in combat says that soldier and pilot morale, and zeal to pursue the war is less robust than the mainstream media would indicate.

When people inquire why anyone would join the reserves if they did not want to fight in the first place, McNeil points out that for many people of

(See "Resistance" on page 10)

Medical, Health Care and Mental Health Professionals Face the Draft

BY TIM KINGSTON

For the first time in U.S. history, medical, health care and mental health professionals of all stripes may find themselves drafted into the military to support the Gulf War. The Health Care Personnel Delivery System (HCPDS) envisioned by the Selective Service System (SSS) and Congress would cast a much wider net than anything ever enacted before. The plan calls for the drafting of medical personnel up to 55 years of age and will allow for the unrestricted delivery of women into the military.

The HCPDS names 60 different classifications of health care personnel who could be called up. In addition to all the medical specialists one would expect in a battlefield situation, it includes a cross section of "allied specialists," such as clinical psychologists, dieticians and speech therapists. For reasons best known to themselves, the Pentagon has also included veterinarians and entomologists. And in case they've missed anyone, they have thrown in the catch-all bureaucratic category of miscellaneous.

"God help us," exclaimed Dr. Paul Volberding, director of the San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS program, when told of the possibility of the HCPDS going into effect. "There is a war already going on here... I think we can say as physicians working in the HIV epidemic [that] we are contributing to a massive effort where tens of thousands of lives are at stake. I would hope that whatever is needed to conduct foreign policy doesn't have to come at the expense of domestic policy."

To enact a medical draft, the President and Congress would have to declare a national emergency and approve legislation to put the draft into effect, in the same way a conventional draft is started. Male doctors, nurses and other health professionals would then find themselves in double jeopardy, because they would face the risk of not only being called up in a conventional all-male draft, but could also face a second *medical* draft if they were not called up the first time around.

THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE

Meanwhile, the SSS is falling all over itself denying they have a plan to put anything resembling an emergency medical draft in place. Lew Brodsky, the SSS assistant director for public affairs, categorically declares, "There is no medical draft... there is no reporting date, no reporting requirements, nor a scheduling date. Congress merely asked us to commit to paper a concept on how a medical draft might work!" Brodsky insisted that unlike a regular draft which would select from the millions of young men already registered, no medical personnel are registered for a medical draft. "It is not even on the drawing board... We would be starting from scratch."

A press release from the SSS dated January 18—probably drawn up in response to news stories about the possibility of such a draft—is equally vehement. It calls such speculation "erroneous" and flatly asserts, "No such draft is planned." The release states that the President, the Secretary of Defense and the director of the SSS have all said neither a conventional nor a medical draft is necessary. It adds that Congress has not been requested to authorize such a move.

(See "Medical Draft" on page 10)

A Guide to Resisting the Call-Up & the Draft

DRAFT AND CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR COUNSELING SERVICES

Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors
P.O. Box 42249, SF 94142; (415) 474-3002
Central clearing house for questions about CO status and draft counseling; many churches and others groups referring calls to CCCO. Sends information packets out on the draft and counsels military personnel. Also offers draft counseling training programs for those interested in volunteering.

Center for Social Services Inc. Military Counseling Dept
3780 5th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103; (619) 629-4297
Specializes in legal counseling and assistance in gay, lesbian and bisexual related cases regarding military discharges and draft deferment.

Midwest Committee for Military Counseling
59 East Van Buren, Rm. 1400, Chicago, IL 60605; (312) 939-3349

War Resisters League
339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012; (212) 228-0450
Counseling to those in the military and the National Guard.

VETERANS

Alexander Hamilton Post 448 of the American Legion
401 Van Ness, Rm. 128, SF 94102; (415) 431-1413 or 474-8408
The Alexander Hamilton Post is a gay veterans' organization that can provide information on what it is like to be gay in the military.

American Friends Service Committee
2647 East 14th St., #109, Oakland 94601; (415) 533-7554
Draft and CO status counseling, scheduling trainings in February for those interested in draft counseling. Focuses on youth of color.

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America
1350 North 37th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53208
Contact: Miriam Ben-Shalom, National Chair; (414) 342-6543
Focuses on three issues: repealing Department of Defense policy that excludes gays, lesbians and bisexuals from the armed forces; support for groups challenging the ROTC presence on university campuses; establishing a "Witch Hunt Strike Force" to combat Defense Department campaigns to identify and discharge gays, lesbians and bisexuals from the armed forces.

Bay Area Veterans Against the War in the Mideast
P.O. Box 40755, SF 94140; (415) 255-7331
Draft and CO status calls referred to counselors.

Veterans C.A.R.E.
P.O. Box 3126, Rohnert Park, CA 94927; (707) 829-5393
Gay lobbying organization dedicated to ending discrimination in the military based on sexual orientation. Lobbies for upgrading military discharges for gays, lesbians and bisexuals and getting the VA to provide medical care for gay and lesbian vets. The group has no stated position on the war.

Veterans Peace Action Teams
P.O. Box 170670, SF 94117; (415) 753-2130
Provides draft and CO status counseling but is also prepared to provide resistance counseling to G.I.s and those of draft age, including alternatives to service such as sanctuary. A network of combat veterans, former COs, Vietnam AWOL soldiers provides counseling and information on *all* options that are available to war resisters.

Vietnam Veterans Against the War Anti-Imperialist
P.O. Box 2314, Berkeley 94702; (415) 644-4172

PEACE GROUPS OFFERING DRAFT AND CO INFORMATION

Mount Diablo Peace Center
65 Eckley Ln, Walnut Creek 94596; (415) 933-7850
Offers draft counseling and CO status information every Thursday from 7-9 pm, and on Sundays from noon-2 pm for the duration of the war. The group does have gay, lesbian, bisexual specific information.

Peninsula Peace Center
P.O. Box 1725, Palo Alto 94302; (415) 326-8837
Draft and CO status counselors on hand to answer questions. Weekly group draft counseling sessions Sundays 7:30 pm at Kepler's Bookstore, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park at the corner of El Camino Real and Ravenswood.

Resource Center for Non-Violence
515 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060; (408) 423-1626
Drop-in counseling provided with all currently known options for those of draft age; also individual appointments for counseling. CO counseling for those already in the military or in the reserves who are facing call-up. Training sessions for those wanting to volunteer for draft counseling; call office for details. No specific gay, lesbian, bisexual component but will discuss options available.

San Jose Peace Center
48 South 7th St., San Jose 95109-1960; (408) 297-2299
Has counselors on call for draft and CO status questions. Planning regular biweekly draft counseling sessions, scheduling TBA. Anyone attending those sessions is eligible for individual counseling.

SANCTUARY CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto
1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto 94301; (415) 325-5659
Sanctuary Church that specifically welcomes gays, lesbians and bisexuals as part of the congregation. It recommends that draft and CO questions be refered to CCCO.

Glide Memorial Church
330 Ellis St., SF 94102; (415) 771-6300
Provides draft literature and information. At 6:30 every Wednesday offers draft counseling sessions for those of draft age. Assists active duty and reserve military personnel in obtaining discharges, primarily for conscientious objectors. The church also counsels gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Montclair Presbyterian Church
5701 Thornhill Dr., Oakland 94611; (415) 339-1131
On February 2, from 9 am-noon the church is holding a forum on the draft aimed at 18-22 yr olds and their families. A donation of $5 for draft age youth and $7 for all others is requested. DO NOT call the church for draft or CO status counseling, call CCCO. Welcomes gays, lesbians & bisexuals into congregation.

St. Joseph the Worker
1640 Addison St., Berkeley 94703; (415) 843-2244
Sanctuary church providing draft and CO counseling and how to deal with Selective Service registration. Gays and lesbians welcome, but no specifically gay/lesbian program.

University Lutheran Chapel
2425 College Avenue, Berkeley; (415) 843-6230
Sanctuary church offering sanctuary, draft and CO status counseling, contact with legal assistance and emotional support for those considering CO status. The church is initiating a legal defense fund. Open from 7-10 pm every night as long as the war goes on for prayers and draft and CO counseling. On Tuesdays, specific information sessions on the draft and Conscientious Objection from 8-9:30 pm. Wednesday evenings: discussion on issues related to the war. Thursday evenings: individual counseling on the draft and questions about CO status.

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Finding a Place that Connects

The Struggle for Progressive Jews Over the Persian Gulf War

BY MARCIA FREEDMAN

"I'm a Jew, and I'm confused," read one of the placards carried in a recent anti-war demonstration.

Whoever carried it is not alone among progressive Jews, both those who participated in the demo and those who stayed away. For all Jews, and particularly for those who have spent any time in Israel, the Scud attacks on Tel Aviv and Haifa have been a nightmare.

What Jew doesn't have friends and relatives in Tel Aviv and Haifa? What Jew, no matter how progressive, doesn't shudder to think (again) about Jews being gassed, Jews being victimized, Jews being scapegoated in a conflict not of their making?

Before the outbreak of the war, the American Jewish community—like the rest of the nation—was divided in its support for the administration's policy in the Gulf. George Bush has been determined since taking office to prove to the world that he is no wimp. First Noriega and then Saddam Hussein became the bully in the playground that would be bested by the squeaky-voiced Andover preppy who suddenly became Commander-in-Chief of the mightiest arsenal of destruction in the world.

The mainstream Jewish community—following the lead of the Israeli government as usual—supported the military option. Its reasoning: better for Israel that Saddam Hussein be defeated now than to wait a few years when he would have nuclear capacity and little hesitation to use it. The progressive Jewish community—those who support the Israeli peace movement—opposed it. All, however, were united in our assessment of the danger posed by Iraq to Israel, to the Middle East and to the world. Progressive Jews, though opposed to war, were not opposed to sanctions, not only to try and force Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, but to erode his military capabilities.

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Today, the mainstream Jewish community supports George Bush's war because of Iraq's now-proven threat to Israel. Progressive Jews, on the other hand, are struggling to find a position that connects between their hearts, pained by visions of Scuds pounding into Israel's heartland and terrorizing its citizens, and their values, values that oppose war—all wars, and that see as much, or even more villainy in America's starting this war as in Saddam Hussein's response to it.

The pain that we feel, and the fear that we feel for Israel's survival as this war progresses is probably the most important reason for progressive Jewish confusion over this war. But there is another ground for our ambivalence towards the anti-war movement. For there are those in the movement and leading it who seem by their silence, if nothing else, to accept Saddam Hussein as the hero of the Arab world, the new Saladin, the savior who faces down western imperialism as well as the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

It is difficult to avoid overly simplistic sloganeering in mass political protest. And even with some feminist input into this peace movement, as opposed to that of the sixties, there is still a tendency toward either/or thinking, i.e., if Bush is the villain, then Hussein is the hero.

The American anti-war movement must find room to remind itself and the rest of the American public that Saddam Hussein is not a hero. Both the just cause of Palestinians struggling for decades for self-determination and the resentment of the Arab have-nots against the wealthy western-supported oil emirates are an afterthought for Iraq. Saddam Hussein did not invade and occupy Kuwait in order to further the Palestinian cause. Nor did he seek to champion the oil-poor Arab masses. His initial goal was to get control of Kuwaiti oil and thus further his aim to become the dominant power in the Middle East. Because of bungled American diplomacy prior to the invasion, he was sure there would be no American reaction. Both sides sorely miscalculated. Hussein's sudden championship of the Palestinian cause was a strategem, cynically calculated and designed to deflect attention from his occupation of Kuwait and turn the conflict in the Persian Gulf into an Arab-Israeli conflict.

Granted that had the Israeli government during the past two years not been so obstinately unwilling to enter into negotiations with the Palestinians, Saddam Hussein's ploy would have been impossible. Granted, too, that from a geopolitical point of view there is "linkage" between the two occupations: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Iraq bid for power are the two major destabilizing factors in the Middle East.

Just a few days before the war started, I was asked by someone at KPFA what the Israeli peace movement could do to avoid war. The implication was that if Israel would agree to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, there would be no war in the Persian Gulf. Is this what the American left believes? I was, and continue to be, dismayed.

Nevertheless, Saddam Hussein did not invade Kuwait in order to liberate Palestine. And George Bush did not provoke war with Iraq in order to prolong the Israeli occupation of the West Bank or to fight Israel's war, as some in the peace movement have been thinking.

A third factor making participation in the anti-war movement difficult for progressive Jews is that Hussein's success in dragging in the red-herring of the Israeli-Palestinian crisis has provided a new venue for anti-Zionism, a position held by some in the American left.

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It is certainly true that the mainstream Jewish community and the Israeli government urged war in the belief that sanctions would not work and

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in fear that Iraq would not hesitate to use nuclear weapons against Israel in order to demonstrate its "leadership" in the Middle East. But the assumption that George Bush would go to war with Iraq because some Jews in Israel and America wanted him to is not only absurd and ahistorical, it is anti-Semitic.

Hussein's unscrupulous willingness to use chemical weapons as well as his ruthless dictatorship in his own country—combined with the stockpile of weapons of death and destruction that Iraq has amassed over the past decade—should frighten and be a warning to anyone concerned with peace in the Middle East, and the world. It does not behoove the American progressive community to ignore these facts—nor does it increase its credibility in the eyes not only of American Jews, but all Americans.

This is a war in which there is no justice to be found anywhere. All sides are responsible, all sides need to be held accountable. All who cheer for American bombing raids and all who cheer for Iraqi Scuds are complicitous. The Israeli occupation of Palestine, to the extent that it is a contributing factor, must be held responsible. The Palestinians and other Arabs dancing in the streets because Israelis are being victimized must also be held responsible.

America is fighting George Bush's war, not Israel's. It is not even oil that we are fighting for. This country is fighting a war for prestige. From the very beginning, our president has personalized the American challenge to Iraq, and Saddam Hussein has responded in kind. The image called up of two little boys fighting on the playground, neither able to back down, is an apt one. This is a war being fought over ego—male ego.

Between August and November of 1990 we all watched, impotently, as two men pointed their penises at one another, daring the other to detumesce. Neither did. And so our Commander-in-Chief, in November, not only announced a date by which Saddam Hussein was to "put his tail between his legs" and withdraw, but also committed an additional 250,000 troops behind his own tail. That was the moment at which America tacitly declared war. That was also the time at which our Congress put its own tail between its legs and refused to oppose an administration policy with which the majority—and the majority of Americans—did not agree.

Thus this unnecessary war evolved. And for these reasons, it must be opposed, by all Americans, including progressive American Jews.

But how, now that it has started, can it end well? Were the anti-war movement to succeed quickly and easily, beyond its wildest dreams, in calling an immediate and unilateral halt to the American military effort, then undoubtedly Saddam Hussein wins, even if he has lost the battle. All Jews, including progressive Jews, must find this a chilling future. The attitude of compromise that has so recently been adopted by Palestinian leaders would wither under the newfound protection of a Middle East superpower. Once again, there would be a real and present threat to Israel's very existence.

But not only Jews need worry about the possible emergence of Saddam Hussein from this war with his arsenals intact and his prestige in the Arab world at a peak. Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states, as well as Jordan and Syria would also be at risk.

It is a moral imperative for progressive Americans to make our opposition to this war known, not only for the present but for the future of this country. The end of the cold war and the seemingly impending collapse of the Soviet Union leave only one superpower in the world, the United States. We must do whatever we can, whenever we can, to prevent our government from wielding its might at will throughout the world for the benefit of the rich and powerful.

Still, in demanding an end to this particular war, we also have a responsibility for putting forward proposals that would end it in a way that does not leave the entire Middle East, including Israel, at risk.

The pre-war proposal that an international peace conference be called to settle all the conflicts of the Middle East is still a post-war possibility. To be realized, it would require the cooperation not only of the West, but of Iraq, the Palestinians and Israel. This is a tall order and perhaps unrealistic at this point in time. It may well not be realizable until each of the parties to the conflict has taken a sufficient pounding from the other. It may be that some quantity of suffering will be required before this war can end, and that means that, for the meantime, it must continue. I would happily see the war end tomorrow, but I would not be happy to see it end unilaterally.

If one accepts this point of view, it means that the peace movement must call not only for an end to the war, but also for an end to the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait and all expansionist strategies, an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, a return to Arab willingness to accept Israel's right to exist securely, *and* for an end to Iraq's nuclear and chemical capability.

This is a mouthful for slogans, but somehow we must find a way to make it all fit on a placard.

Gays & Lesbians in the Baltic Crackdown

Increasing repression of gay men and Lesbians in Moscow and Leningrad is only a part of the growing repression as Gorbachev is shattering glasnost. Using the the Gulf War for cover, the Soviets are cracking down on the Baltic Republics. Soviet Gay activist, Roman Kalinin, has issued a statement condemning the Soviet actions as part of a general repression of all the minorities in the Soviet Union.

Teet Viespak, organizer of Estonia's International Conference on Sexual Minorities, pointed out that the independence movements in the Soviet Republics offers gay men and Lesbians in those nations an unparalleled chance to organize. As the Baltics assert their independence and work towards re-joining the European community these newly independent states would be obliged—like Northern Ireland—to drop existing anti-gay laws. A coalescing gay/lesbian community could take an active role in shaping the emerging Baltic community. With its geographic and linguistic proximity to Finland, Estonia has constant exposure to Scandanavian mores. In turn, the Baltic states offer a window of Gay Liberation to the other Soviet republics. It was in Tallinn, at the International Conference on Sexual Minorities, that Gaymen and Lesbians from six of the Soviet republics were first able to network with each other and Western activists.

In Congress, Tom Campbell (D.-CA) is sponsoring "The Baltic Freedom bill" to halt aid to the Soviets until they cease the repression in the Baltics. In the Bay Area, Balts and friends are organizing pickets at the Soviet consulate—2790 Green Street. If any of the democratically elected parliaments are overthrown, a 24-hour vigil will be set up at the consulate. To keep up with developments in the Baltics and local actions call the Baltic Hotline at (415) 773-8567.

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Toward the end of the press release, however, the document tellingly notes, "Work on HCPDS has included concept development, preparation of a functional description, and the development of supporting automated data processing software." The SSS also says that it is currently testing and verifying the system.

"That is a joke," chortled David Freedman, a draft counselor with the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, when read the official denial. "What they have said is that all the hardware and software is in place, but they are not doing it yet!"

Freedman says the official denial proved to him the SSS is further along the process of readying a medical draft than he had thought. "I don't even think that is a denial. What they have said is Congress has the authority to institute a health worker draft, and they are prepared if Congress does it—and for once I take them at their word."

As David Treber, assistant director of the National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors (NISBCO) in Washington, noted, "It is important that people in the health care professions realize there is talk of a delivery system."

SNEAKY SUGGESTIONS

Congress originally asked the SSS to devise a "structure" for a medical draft in 1987. Major medical associations such as the American Medical Association and the American Nursing Association were briefed on the SSS plans in the spring of 1989, and the proposals were printed in the *The Federal Register* on August 15, 1989. Both the American Nursing Association and the American Medical Association are strongly opposed to any conscription based on skill or professional ability.

"Nurses are very concerned," exclaims Maureen Anderson of the California Nursing Association. "We are getting a lot of calls. We are advising people that they should contact their member of Congress. To activate this, the President has to call a national emergency, and he could do that overnight, but the authorization would have to go through Congress."

Draft counselor Micheal Wong says that one worried Contra Costa County nurse has already contacted him requesting information about CO status. Wong says that nurse is also getting junk mail from the Army urging her to enlist.

The war has already caused medical reservists from Bay Area hospitals to be called up. At SF General, emergency surgeon Dr. Ron Dieckman says the emergency room has lost one surgeon to the reserves, while another is likely to be called up soon—out of a total of eight ER surgeons. "There are not many qualified physicians who can do this job here; that is a major loss for us," says Dr. Dieckman.

Ultimately, whether or not one believes there will be a medical draft is dependent on how far one trusts the current administration.

Who did you vote for?

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color the services are an "employer of last resort." McNeil says studies have shown that military recruiters target depressed and de-industrialized areas such as East Oakland.

Michael Wong, a draft counselor with the Mount Diablo Peace Center, compared the ethics of military recruiters with those of car salesmen who "would sell you a block of wood if they could."

Donald Wilkinson, a Navy CO who was in the special forces for six years, said he originally joined up because, "it was a job, same as any other kid. It was a job. It was a stepping stone. I didn't want to go to college. I did not want to live at home." He says he only gradually came round to his antiwar and conscientious objector status after coming to the conclusion that the U.S. military "is less about defense and more about offense. It is not really defending the country; it is

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Gays & Lesbians in The Persian Gulf

The Only Way Back is Death or Dishonorable Discharge

BY TIM KINGSTON

Are we in, or are we out? Will the Pentagon let gays, lesbians and bisexuals serve in the military or not? The answer seems to depend on when you were watching the news. Right now, the answer is No. On January 25, Major Doug Hart, the Pentagon's point-person on the issue, reiterated that "Department of Defense (DOD) directives (#1332.14) state that homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

But, prior to January 11, the Pentagon seemed to whistle a different tune. According to several news stories, the DOD floated the idea of letting gays, lesbians and bisexuals stay in the military for the duration of the war, then discharging them once it is over. Miriam Ben-Shalom, national chair of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America cited a *Baltimore Sun* piece in which Lt. Commander Ken Satterfield said, "The need to have fully staffed units would take precedence over the enforcement of non-criminal infractions."

"They were very blunt about it," says Ben-Shalom. Retention of gays, lesbians and bisexuals was to have been justified under the military's Stop-Loss policy which delays or defers administrative discharges and retirement of personnel deemed essential to national security.

The new policy set off a fusillade of angry criticism. "It would be outrageous for the military to only suspend their anti-gay policies temporarily. You can go die in the war and then after the war is over they would be discharging people? That is repugnant beyond belief!" sputtered Paul Di Donato, legal director of National Gay Rights Attorneys.

The Pentagon beat a hasty retreat and denied they ever said such a thing. Major Hart decried the *Baltimore Sun* report as "not true" and stressed that the military never intended to change its anti-gay policy.

Ben-Shalom charged, "He is in denial. In plain English: Bullshit!" She says that the services have changed their policy but are just keeping quiet about it. Ben-Shalom asserts she knows gay, lesbian and bisexual military personnel in Saudi Arabia whose commanding officers are fully cognizant of their sexuality, but have made no move towards discharging them. Di Donato agrees and suspects that "until the war is over they are going to take longer to discharge [gays, lesbians and bisexuals], and they are going to require more proof. In a sense... they are playing with their own homophobic regulations in order to have their cake and eat it too."

WAR QUEERS

In a very real way, the entire issue revolves around visibility. The military only reversed its policy when Donna Jackson, a lesbian service woman at Fort Ord Army base, declared she would be happy to serve her country, but that she would not do it from inside the closet. As soon as she came out, she was quietly cashiered with an honorable discharge.

Ben-Shalom queried, "I am wondering when gay and lesbian and bisexual Americans are going to be able to have the fullness of American citizenship. The issue is not whether you approve of homosexuality or disapprove of it—the issue is, America is our country too. Why won't they let us serve?"

"I feel that the denial of our rightful place in the history of America is a monumental shame for America," said Ben-Shalom, who stressed the issue in this case is not the rightness or wrongness of this war or the peace movement, but the right of gays and lesbians to serve their country if they want to.

She added, however, that no soldier in their right mind wants to go to war: "The soldier who says he/she, wants to go to war is either very young, very inexperienced, a fool, a liar or is pathological."

The National Gay/Lesbian Task Force estimates that there are probably at least 40,000 gay, lesbian and bisexual service people already stationed in the Gulf. Ben-Shalom believes the figure is double that, and she argues that homophobia cuts them particularly deep. Instead of being able to say "I love you, I miss you, I want to come home to you," to their loved ones, they have to keep their true feelings under wraps for their own safety.

While homophobia is pervasive in the armed forces, coming out in a combat situation could be literally deadly, and Ben-Shalom does not recommend it. "They could be fragged. I am concerned that some misguided individual might shoot somebody in the back." Compared to that danger, the "normal" dangers of being gay in the military pale, but there is still the possibility of the brig, psychological intimidation and pressure tactics to drag other gay and lesbian soldiers out of the closet. The Marines in particular are known for their witch hunts, and seem to be particularly concerned about rooting out lesbians.

Ben-Shalom disagrees with using one's "homosexuality" as a way to get out. Instead, she sees coming out as a way to force the services to change their policy. She urges that all gay, lesbian and bisexual reservists and active duty personnel who want to serve in the Gulf War against Iraq take the initiative and come out to their commanding officers and state they are willing to serve—but only if their sexuality is openly acknowledged and honored. She says, "If they lie, they are considered good soldiers. What does it change if they say three words about themselves: 'I am gay.'? I think that if we have enough courageous people who are willing to do that, it will encourage the DOD to change its policy."

Photo by Marc Geller

A diverse group of women—reflecting the cross-generational opposition to the Persian Gulf war and the growing involvement of people of color—listen to a speech at a demo on the steps of The Federal Building in SF.

Resistance...

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going out and being offensive for the administration's imperialist activities."

SANCTUARY

Despite all the hurdles facing reservists and potential draft resisters, *all* the counselors contacted by the *SF Bay Times* stressed the importance of learning how the system works and putting together a CO or medical deferment status file as soon as possible. The purpose of the file is to validate and buttress an individual's case that he or she is a genuine CO or has a valid medical reason not to serve by using letters from parents, friends, doctors and any other credible sources to make the case. If potential inductees are not fully prepared to defend those claims, they may well wind up in the service.

Bernhard states that becoming a CO is not the only way to resist the draft or military service. Resisters can refuse their call-up or posting orders. She says, "A lot of people in the Vietnam War went underground. That is certainly the scariest route, but sometimes it is the only one. That is why we try to find out where the person is coming from, because it takes a lot of commitment not to go to war."

As part of that effort, sanctuary churches are gearing up to provide legal, spiritual and physical sanctuary to reservists and possible draftees to give them time to apply for CO status. While the majority of churches contacted said they would not yet be willing to break the law and try to prevent the authorities from tracking down AWOL service people, some, like Father John O'Donnel of St. Joseph the Worker in Berkeley, say sanctuary does mean "physical shelter from the state. Legally, they would have the right to apprehend people, so we would try hiding [them]. A church is more than a building; it is the people and their homes."

"Sanctuary is a community of support," says Reverend Gus Schultz of the University Lutheran Chapel. "I am in the position of being supportive of those who in conscience oppose the war. One thing our congregation is agreed on is that we will not turn our backs on COs. We will give them the support they need, and recognize that being a CO is no less patriotic than fighting."

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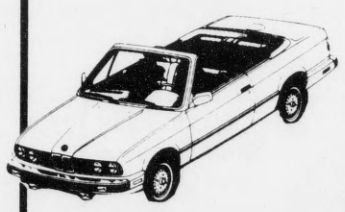

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Absolutely Positive

A New Film By the Makers of "Word Is Out" Premieres in SF

BY BO HUSTON

Well, word is out again. I will venture to say that those people who saw the 1977 documentary *Word Is Out* have not forgotten the experience, or its images. The film had a very direct impact on my sense of what it means to be gay, on my perspective of myself as a gay person and on the choices I made regarding coming out. And I know many other people were affected in similar ways.

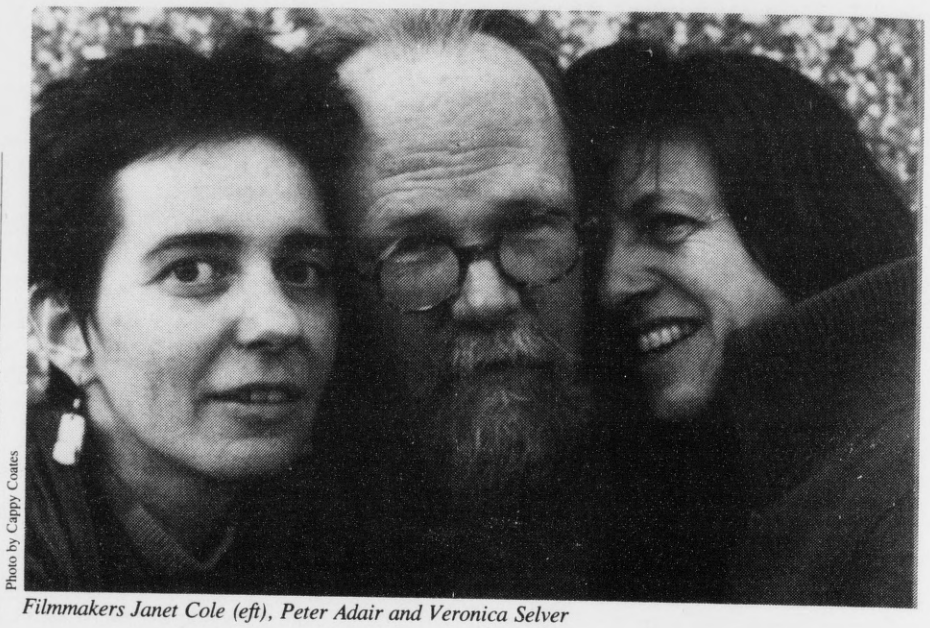
Word Is Out presented interviews with 26 gay men and lesbians—a diverse group with regard to age, race, background, concerns, and temperament. It was one of those precious pieces of work whose form and content are perfectly suited to each other, and the film emerged (and holds up today) as internally consistent, moving, rich and profound.

That was that film; now we are ready to see a new film. *Absolutely Positive* is a 90-minute documentary exploring the attitudes of people who are HIV-positive. The men and women range in age from seventeen to sixty and represent a variety of locations, ethnicities and AIDS risk groups. They, along with an estimated 1.5 million other Americans, find themselves associated, if not necessarily united, by a virus—its effects, stigma and implications.

The director of *Absolutely Positive*, Peter Adair, was editor and co-director of *Word Is Out;* the editor of *Absolutely Positive,* Virginia Selver, was editor and co-director of *Word is Out* and its producer, Janet Cole, was the marketing consultant and producer's assistant for *Word is Out*. I met with the three, who have been collaborating for some years now on a variety of projects, in their San Francisco office.

Comparisons between *Word Is Out* and *Absolutely Positive* are inevitable, but perhaps more interesting and helpful than comparing is noting the relationship between the two films, for it illustrates history. In *Word Is Out* there is a distinct, if difficult to analyze, sense of the filmmakers—they are without faces or personalities, but they represent the audience. They are searching for themselves as gay people, for identity, for history, for their story, and in fact finding these things.

Absolutely Positive has a similar contextual quality, an internal faith in the process of identification. And yet *Word Is Out* allowed a spirit of celebration and great humor in its discoveries, while *Absolutely Positive*, because of its subject, is (and must be) sober, serious, even ominous. One never wants *Word Is Out* to end; the same cannot be said for *Absolutely Positive*.



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Filmmakers Janet Cole (eft), Peter Adair and Veronica Selver

These three thoughtful, dedicated and very smart filmmakers have changed a lot since they worked on *Word Is Out*; so has their subject; so have we.

(Peter) Sometimes when I lose faith in what we do—because it takes so much time, it's difficult to get money, it's hard work—I always go back to the experience with *Word Is Out*, where I am convinced, above all, that I was part of making a movie that changed a lot of lives. It's one thing I know I did that was a contribution.

(Veronica) The interesting thing is that with *Word Is Out*, there were six of us involved in making the film, and we were all gay. So it was our story as well. That is one of the strengths of *Word Is Out*. But we didn't want to go back to *exactly* the same form, although it has great value; it's been much imitated. We had a desire to break that form, go beyond it.

(SF Bay Times) The form of Absolutely Positive *is quite similar to that of* Word Is Out. *The chief difference is the visibility of the filmmaker in* Absolutely Positive. *Peter Adair is actually one of the subjects of the film. How was that decision made?*

(Peter) Making the film was really a process of deciding what my participation should be. We experimented a lot. As documentary filmmakers, we're used to being anonymous. And so, for me, this film was a kind of coming out—not only as being HIV-positive, but allowing myself to be visible as a filmmaker.

(Janet) We always had an image of Peter in the film. The first idea was to have it be a sort of diary, and we tried to figure out how to make that work. Filmmakers always have an agenda, of course. This movie could have taken so many different forms. It could have been informational about being HIV-positive, it could have been educational; and we might be criticized that it is not. But what became clear over the months we worked was that this film would represent Peter's perspective.

There is such a joyous, liberating feeling to Word Is Out. *This film is, of course, more solemn, the topic is more difficult. Can you comment on that distinction?*

(Peter) *Word Is Out* told the stories of the individuals we interviewed, but also the story, to some degree, of gay culture, which had been hidden. Today, there is no such thing as an HIV culture, so this is *only* the stories of individuals. There is no HIV community, per se.

(Veronica) I do want the film to provide an example, though. Perhaps the people in the film have very little in common, but they do illustrate that talking about their experience with HIV is a positive step, a healthy way to begin dealing with it. And we did talk to people who are struggling with telling their families and friends. So maybe viewers of the film will not tap into a community as they did with *Word Is Out*, but I think, if anything, they will be inspired to speak about it.

(Peter) Yes, and of course the difference between HIV and most any other social disease is the social stigma. If Doris [an African American Baptist woman who discovered she was HIV-positive after her one year-old baby was diagnosed with AIDS], for example, had gone to her church group and said she had breast cancer, they would have been compassionate and supportive. But she was absolutely devastated at the idea of telling her friends at church that she was HIV-positive.

A subject I do not often see explored is the distinction between HIV and AIDS. What are the differences, the definitions?

(Veronica) We were interested in how people take in this information. How they dealt with it when they heard the news. Whether they chose to be open with their families, employers. How they begin to make appropriate changes in their lives.

(Peter) It's been an arbitrary distinction in some ways. HIV is a continuum. Having AIDS is at one end, being perfectly healthy and HIV-positive is at the other. The focus tends to be on people with AIDS, understandably, on sickness and suffering. We felt some attention ought to be paid to people at the other end of the scale. Recognizing that the distinction is nebulous, we consciously decided not to pursue people with AIDS to be in the film, because their stories had been more covered.

(Janet) I've been making films about HIV disease for the past five years. I tend to see it as a spectrum disease. However, what the film addresses is really the internal process people go through when they find out they're positive. Most of the people we interviewed have not had symptoms. So we're talking about a very different experience; it's not tangible..It's like Peter says in the film: "When nothing changes and everything changes."

It is practically taboo, in both mainstream and gay discourse on AIDS, to discuss guilt. Did people talk much about guilt in relation to how they got exposed to HIV, or regrets they may have over the ways they used to live?

(Veronica) I don't think we asked much about that. Like Mary [a white woman in her early 30s who had used drugs intravenously for fifteen years]. Peter asks Mary: "Don't you ever wonder: Why me? Why did I get this?" And she says: "No, I know why I got it. I put a dirty rig in my

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arm, and that's why I got it.'' Also, Gregg, who was always a good Catholic boy, right? And he says: ''I'd never seen a gay porno movie, never gone to a bathhouse, I wasn't sleeping with eight bizzillion guys.'' So, he thought he'd never get AIDS, and he likes to tell people when he hears all the guilt and the blaming that he was about as angelic and white bread as someone could be and *he's* HIV-positive. So, we refer to guilt. It isn't a central theme in the film, though.

(Janet) I think there were different perspectives from different age groups, too. Johnnie, for example [a 19-year-old Korean-American gay man]. Also Juan and Beverly [a young Puerto Rican couple from the Bronx; Juan was infected by his first wife, who died]. We were both very rattled by those interviews. It was the experience of age. We're twice as old as they are. I mean, I don't consider myself an old person, but the youthfulness and naivete, and the courage these people showed was crushing, really crushing. There are very concrete issues. There are people who don't yet have careers, therefore don't have health insurance. They don't have plans. They haven't lived yet, really, and these aren't things you mobilize; building a life comes with time, which is what they may not have. So, that was very sobering.

You interviewed 120 people, and only eleven were ultimately chosen. Were there people who said things that were just offensive, or self-hating? Were there people who were completely defeated, for example, whom you felt would be inappropriate or in some way alienating if they were included in the film?

(Peter) Well, I can think of one man. I liked him a lot. He said ''I'm going to die of this, and I know it and all of those people who don't think so better get over it.'' Now, the film doesn't just give unbridled hope. I think we walk a narrow path. We didn't want to depress people, but we didn't want to be Pollyannas about this subject either. But that man, who said that with such affirmation, made me nervous, frankly.

(Janet) We did have Juan talking about not having safe sex. Now that alarmed a lot of people. In early screenings, people hated him; they were shocked. People thought it was a bad message to have in the film. And then we included footage of Beverly talking about how Juan would give her condoms and she would throw them away, because *she* had such low self-worth, self-esteem. She says: ''Can you believe that? I just threw them away. Why? Because I wanted to show him I loved him and I wasn't afraid. And because I had nothing to live for.'' There was some balance then.

(Peter) Everyone we included in the film initially of course had problems with the news that they were HIV-positive; but, because all of them in some way recover, perhaps the film is unrealistic. No one just falls apart completely. Maybe that's dramatic license. But as documentary filmmakers, there are huge ethical issues, not only in the messages you are sending, but in people's lives. We only spend three hours with these people. We go in, do our interview, and leave. And yet, what we do can affect their lives. Especially with this subject. It can change their lives, forever. In fact, *Word Is Out* changed many people's lives. So I find it an ethical dilemma to put someone down. That's one of the reasons we changed the footage of Juan. It appeared he was being grotesquely irresponsible. I don't think he was necessarily, I think his story is very common. But we had Juan saying that he had sex for two years, knowing he was positive. And that was all he said about it. Later on, because people were so horrified and making such negative value judgements toward him—which I think is bullshit, the blaming syndrome—we put the piece in where Beverly takes co-responsibility. So that's the ethical question. God forbid if it would have actually been a better film if we had left her out; then we *really* would have had a dilemma. What should we go with: the better film, or the film that protects him as a person in it?

(Janet) There were people we interviewed and wound up not using. People who presented some grittier realities. Drug users who were still using, for example. There was another man who was very, very depressed. Another man who had a seizure while we were shooting him. We tried to incorporate all the material, but, again, the film emerged on its own during the editing process, and certain things just fell away. What held is what worked.

Is it fair to look back on our behavior—that is, some of our behavior—and judge it now? To say today, in the light of the ''consequences,'' that what we were doing then was bad behavior?

(Peter) No, it's not fair. It's stupid. However, it's also not fair to say that that behavior had nothing to do with the epidemic. If I'd had a monogamous relationship in those years, and my lover had been monogamous, I wouldn't have the virus right now. But, it's another thing to say I regret the things I did. I do not regret the things I did.

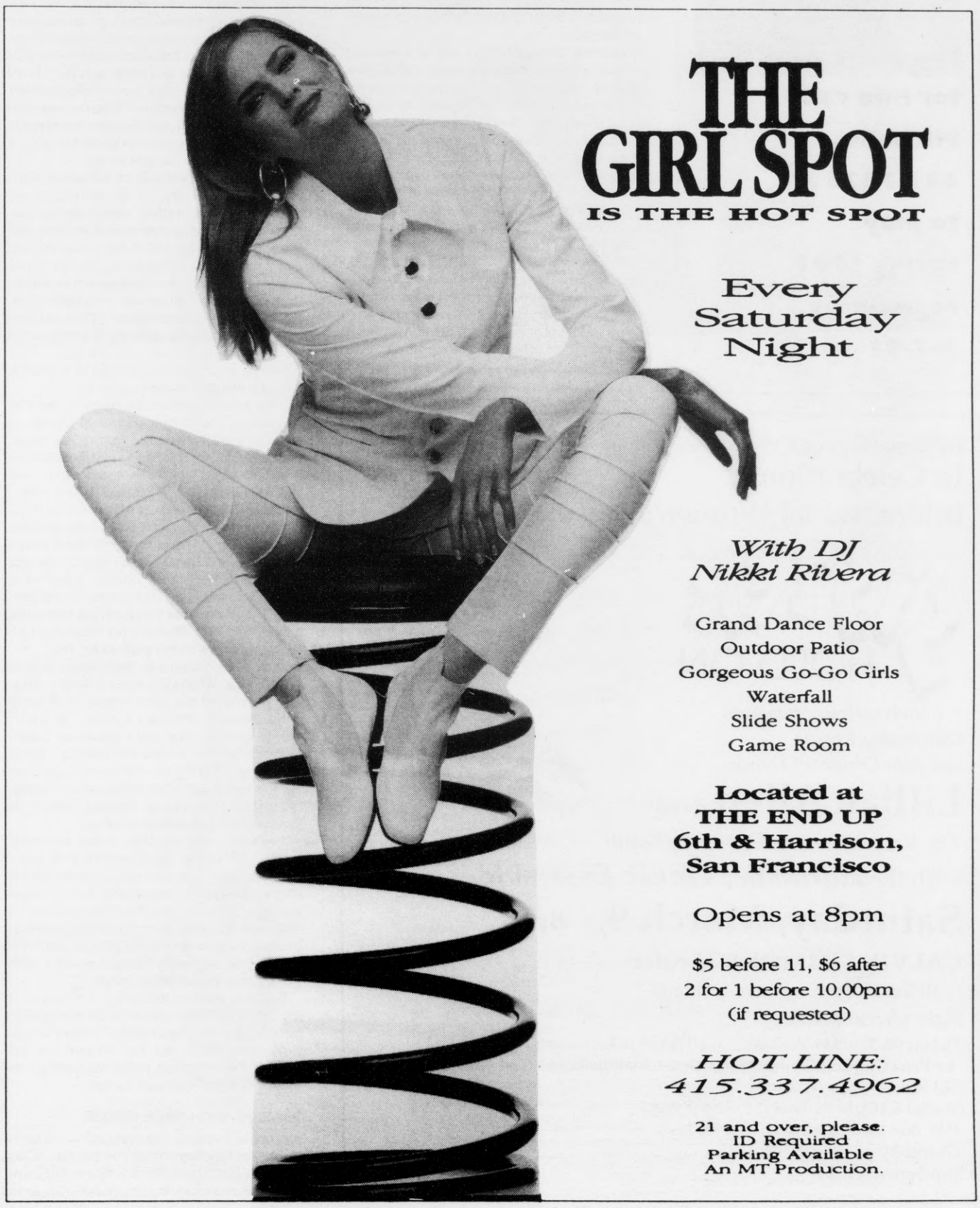
I don't make value judgments on the behavior, mine or others'. But what gets me just as crazy is when people say, more rhetorically, that there is no relation between the behavior and AIDS. It just isn't the fact.

(Veronica) There are two realities. One is the reality of being gay, whatever that means to you. The other is the social structures in which you articulate, or live out your gayness. The choices you make.

(Peter) The film had two goals. To deal with the breadth of the epidemic by including as many kinds of people as possible. At the same time, I wanted to take the audience through an emotional, cathartic journey through what it is like when one gets the news. It's a tall order. So, we always focused on that. It doesn't focus on politics, and I'm sure we'll get criticized for that. We don't talk about ACT UP or the FDA and so forth. We also don't talk about what you can do about it—about treatments or the different philosophies. I feel that if you can talk to the heart, if you can move somebody, then they'll take whatever next step they need to take.

(Janet) Don't forget, we did four-hour interviews with each person. We talked about everything: political activity, what they were doing, what treatments they'd been trying. What we chose to use in the film, really, was self-selected. What ultimately winds up on screen is what is most compelling. Someone talking about their right-on political beliefs can be really boring. The same with, ''Well, I started on AZT in March, and then I took this test and that test...'' It falls out, it doesn't work. What moves people is drama. How people feel. Their stories. The real stuff, stripped of all the facts.

Absolutely Positive *was produced in association with BBC Television and KQED-TV. The theatrical premiere of* Absolutely Positive *screens in a benefit for the UCSF AIDS Health Project Friday, February 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro Street, San Francisco. Preceding the screening there will be a reception at the theatre with the filmmakers and many of the film's subjects, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the reception and premiere are $35; tickets for the film alone are $10. Tickets are available at all San Francisco Headlines locations, the UCSF AIDS Health Project (476-6430) and Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th Street, San Francisco. The film will play at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th Street, San Francisco, February 9-14, and at the Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, on February 14.*



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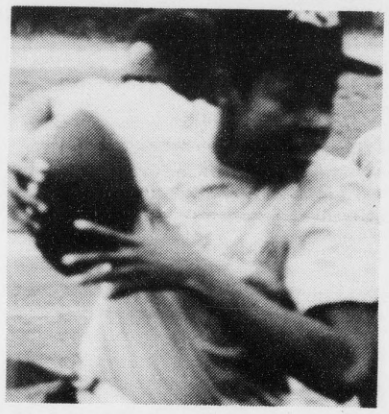

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Lesbians in Interracial Relationships

Learning to Break Through the Barriers of Race

BY KAREN LEE ERLICHMAN

Toni is a 37-year-old Black woman from a middle class family in Chicago. She came out at the age of 18 and moved to the Bay Area fifteen years ago. Toni recently left a long, successful corporate career to return to school and become a therapist. She lives in Berkeley with Marge, her lover of ten years.

Terry is a 37-year-old white Jewish woman from South Africa. Her parents were progressive anti-apartheid activists, and they moved from South Africa to Great Britain when Terry was eight years old. Terry became active in the socialist feminist movement in Great Britain and moved to the Bay Area fifteen years ago. Terry has been involved in a relationship with Angela for over two years.

In 1989, Toni and Terry met at a weekend retreat on unlearning oppression called New Bridges. They discovered that they shared an important common bond: both women are in interracial relationships. Toni's lover is a white woman from an Irish Catholic background, and Terry's lover is an African American woman. As their friendship developed, they began exploring the issues and struggles they faced being in interracial relationships. Consequently, last year they developed a workshop for lesbians in interracial relationships.

Because of her parents' involvement in the anti-apartheid movement, Terry believes she "was exposed to the realities of apartheid in the way that most white children are not. In an emotional way, I was very connected to Black South Africans... My early experience of growing up in South Africa formed the basis of who I am." Terry's mother had grown up in a strongly Orthodox Jewish family, while her father's family was more secular and politically progressive. Terry has a strong sense of cultural Jewish identity which is an integral part of her analysis of race politics and interracial relationships. "Politically speaking, I was a feminist before I started to integrate race politics... I didn't articulate it theoretically and politically until I came to the United States."

Soon after she arrived in the United States, Terry met a Black woman from Great Britain, and they became lovers for six years. "When we first got together we didn't really address issues of race... what it means [for the relationship] for her to be Black and me to be white... We dealt with those issues as I supported her to make connections with the Black community here. We were in a predominantly white environment, and I felt I needed to support her desires to go out and make connections. We needed a support system that was more multiracial... I had to deal with my own guilt and sense of shame as a white person." Terry speaks frankly about how racism influenced her behavior in the relationship. "When we went into an all-white setting, I felt I had to protect her, and I would feel acutely uncomfortable for her... I wanted to save her and protect her."

"Being involved with a Black woman sensitized me," continued Terry. "I had internalized self hatred about being a white woman. Part of why I was drawn to being with women of color, and Black women in particular, had to do with my past. I mean, why do we choose certain types of people [as lovers]?" Terry emphasizes the importance of creating "a language to articulate how racism operates in relationships." Terry and Toni both feel strongly that intimacy issues are often manifested as race issues and vice versa. They agree that it can often be difficult to determine what the real underlying conflict is.

"It is important to have the issues out there on the table and come from a place of mutual respect... We are both touched deeply," says Toni. In Chicago, Toni "grew up in a middle class family that put a very high value on education. I was told that if I worked very hard and dressed right... my race wouldn't matter... All the women in my family worked and went to college and graduate school. Being a woman never felt like it was an issue, but race definitely was an issue." One year Toni met another Black woman, a student at UCSF, who was home (in Chicago) for the summer. The woman was very involved in feminist politics, and Toni describes her friendship with this woman as a pivotal point in her life.

At the end of that summer Toni decided to move to California. When she arrived in the Bay Area, she got involved in a Black woman's CR group at the Berkeley Women's Center. "It wasn't called a lesbian group, but it turned out that 90 to 95 percent of the women were lesbians... It was very powerful. I felt a sense of family... and there was this wide range of Black lesbians represented. Everything from radical feminist lesbians to [mainstream] government workers."

"When I came out here, I was extremely shocked by seeing Black women with white lovers," admits Toni, who says she never thought she would have a relationship with a white woman. "I used to say that over and over... I think a lot of lesbians have to come to grips with internalized homophobia and guilt around being lesbian. I felt more guilty having slept with a white woman than around being lesbian."

Ten years ago Toni fell in love with Marge. "I felt cut off by Black women in the community, partly because for years I swore I'd never be with a white woman," and also because she had previously been in a very visible relationship with another African American woman.

DEALING WITH RACE ISSUES

Soon the issues of race and class came up in such a way that they couldn't be ignored. When racist incidents would happen, they didn't know *how* to talk about it so they simply *didn't* talk about it. "Eventually the energy changed and we had to talk about it... We learned how to talk about it. It's very threatening to both members of the couple... It's hard when an incident brings up your rage and hatred of white people and you don't know how to have those feelings with a white lover." Toni discusses the sense of radar she has about racism. "Growing up as a person of color in this country, you develop radar... My reality is invalidated when I'm told I'm *too sensitive*. Racism has to be defined by the woman of color."

"Racism is bigger than the relationship and has the power to destroy the relationship." Toni worries that "not talking about it makes it like a secret...being able to talk about it affirms the relationship, and it means that it is possible for us to love each other in this world. Some little incident can happen and you *have* to process it."

"When I came out I never felt I was a traitor to men, but when I got involved with a white woman, I felt like a traitor to the Black lesbian community," explains Toni. "It's a little bit OK to be a cross-racial couple [two women of color from different cultures], but it's not OK to be with a white woman." Terry and Toni agree that interracial relationships are also a controversial issue in the white lesbian community. "We were almost closeted as an interracial couple," says Terry. Being out and visible as an interracial couple inspires "that old theme of breaking silence, not just within the relationship but also in the larger community... I've heard some white

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Toni and Terry bring their personal experiences to a workshop they sponsor for interracial lesbian couples.

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"White women are totally afraid of and shut down to dealing with issues of race and coalescing with women of color," says Terry. "The way they deal is by not dealing... the assumption is that there's something inherently wrong in that union... it's dangerous to make that kind of assumption."

Terry believes that there are white women who may prefer relationships with women of color who are operating out of racist objectification. "People will see an interracial couple and automatically assume that the white woman is doing this... but it's wrong to assume that this is why all white women have interracial relationships." Terry says that her lover tends to "exceptionalize" her as being different from other white women, to which Terry objects. "Being in an interracial relationship can change and challenge your own identity. The prerequisite is that you're in a conscious and committed process around dealing with race. Just because you don't talk about it doesn't mean it's not there. It's always there."

"In some ways it's not any harder than any other committed relationship," comments Toni. "If it's not race then it's class or some other issue... Lesbians have such a strong tendency to merge in a relationship... by being with a white woman there's distance there. That difference allows me to establish some boundaries. It's a very positive thing in the relationship."

MEETING FAMILIES

Family support (or lack of it) is also a difficult issue for interracial couples. Toni observes that "there was a way in which my mother could relate to my Black lovers... When you bring home a white woman, you bring home the Other." Toni says her mother was "afraid of me being in a relationship with a white woman. It was coming out of her genuine concern and desire to protect me... and it reflects how she has been hurt in her life in a racist society...If I was with a Black woman they could probably accept that... OK, you're a lesbian, but at least you're with a Black woman... How do you differentiate between the family's homophobia and the race issue?"

Toni remembers sitting at Thanksgiving dinner in Concord with Marge's family and "stepping out of myself and remembering that I *am* different [from the rest of the people at the dinner table]. It's sort of like being with my own family and feeling different as a lesbian. But you can always wonder if Aunt Tillie is a dyke... There's no speculating on race." On the other hand, when Terry introduced her lover to her family, she was afraid that they would unconsciously manifest racism toward her lover. She describes her surprise, relief and "the incredible power there was to have them embrace us as a couple."

Terry and Toni encourage lesbians in interracial relationships to connect with other mixed couples. "Reflection is important. I've tried to seek out not only other interracial couples but also other people who will support us emotionally," suggests Terry. "It's like being a lesbian couple and only being around straight people." Toni strongly concurs with that suggestion: "You have to develop a support system of other interracial couples in your life."

AN EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP

The workshop the two women sponsor is designed to provide a safe place to talk about these feelings and issues. "It's an experiential workshop," says Toni. "It's primarily for people who are in or have been in interracial relationships... it's not for any kind of voyeuristic experience. And it's not just for Black and white couples. It's for all interracial relationships."

The workshop includes time for interracial dialogue and for discussion in separate groups of white women and women of color. "It's important to be able to talk about the different experiences in a safe way." Toni and Terry have some guidelines for the workshop. Toni explains, "We encourage the couples not to merge, not to sit next to each other." "We ask them to be aware of how couples often finish each other's sentences... We have them talk to each other, to give permission to bring up their own individual issues and then at the end of the workshop we [literally] bring them back together."

The workshop opens up a dialogue for the couple, and both partners have the right to have their own side of the experience. As facilitators, Toni and Terry try to validate both partner's experiences, feelings and perspectives. They also offer some concrete coping strategies. For example, "If you're in a restaurant and the white waitress is only looking at and talking to the white woman," says Terry, "the white woman can interrupt this by looking directly at the woman of color [forcing the waitress to make eye contact with her]."

In another workshop exercise, participants are asked to visibly share their feelings. "Stand up if you've ever been afraid of violence because you're in an interracial relationship." "Stand up if you've been embarrassed by something a friend of your race has said." Toni feels that this exercise is very powerful, because often one lover doesn't realize that the other woman feels a certain way until she sees her stand up after a particular statement. Toni recommends that "women who come to the workshop do have to be willing to take a risk and talk about difficult issues."

There are few other resources in the community for interracial couples. There is a support group in the East Bay for women of color in multicultural relationships. Terry also recommends a chapter in the book *Lesbian Couples* called "How Racism Affects Couples." "I also plan to go back and reread James Baldwin. He dealt with interracial issues in relationships." There are a handful of lesbians who have written about this topic, including Audre Lorde and Beckyu Birtha, but for the most part, there is a paucity of resources.

The workshop that Toni and Terry offer provides a unique opportunity for lesbians in interracial relationships to explore their feelings, concerns and ideas. The next workshop will be held on Sunday, February 17 in the East Bay. For more information or to register for the workshop, call 841-8314 or 255-9825.

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS
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ddC/ddI Approval Update

Much AIDS news today concerns the campaign for a rapid FDA evaluation of the experimental AIDS antivirals ddC and ddI—the issue we listed as the most important treatment development to watch in 1991. The decisions now being made will affect not only these drugs, but all critically important AIDS antivirals in the future; they will determine whether any future AIDS treatment, no matter how well it may work, could possibly travel the development and regulatory pipeline without many years of medically unnecessary delay. We are now seeing the beginnings of major changes, but at the same time there is widespread confusion and sometimes chaotic miscommunication.

The meaning of the current controversies cannot be understood without background on the situation which now exists, and how it developed.

Neither ddC or ddI are new; both could have been developed and approved at about the same time as AZT. ddC was delayed because of early toxicity; it was not known until later that the right dose was about 200 times less than the dose of AZT or ddI. As for ddI, it was well into human trials two years ago—and the subject of a loud and sometimes bitter public dispute between top government physicians with the FDA and National Cancer Institute. The dispute, an advance echo of what is happening today, concerned the FDA's refusal to approve the NCI's plan to begin testing ddI as a treatment for children with AIDS under two years old; the U.S. National Cancer Institute was ready to start this ddI trial two years ago, but apparently the FDA wanted tests on adults to be finished before the tests with children began.

Two years later, one activist spoke of the spreading "ripple of terror that the trials [running now for ddI and ddC] are not what should have been designed." It seems that nobody thought through how the information to be generated by these trials would be used to support drug approval. One effect of this lack of planning is that AZT, the first AIDS antiviral to reach FDA approval, shut the door behind it, keeping all rivals out. This happened despite the clear need for new therapies.

Much of the reason for the current complexity, confusion, and miscommunication stirred up by the push for early evaluation of ddC and ddI is the need to retrofit to cover for mistakes of the past. These mistakes occurred because of lack of higher-level oversight and planning in the AIDS research process. Key positions have long been vacant, or filled with people unwilling to deal effectively with AIDS.

One of the problems in the current development of ddC and ddI is the lack of definition of what the trials are trying to prove. Normally, the goal would be to prove efficacy (i.e., that the drug works better than no treatment) for some group of patients. It should not be necessary to prove that the new drug is better than standard therapy—or even equal to it, because many patients cannot use the standard therapy, and because combination treatment using both the new and standard treatment is highly promising.

But since it would be unethical to run a placebo trial, ddC and ddI are being compared to AZT instead. Statistical efforts were made to use the old AZT-vs.-placebo trial of four years ago to allow ddC and ddI to be mathematically compared with a placebo, even though no real placebo is being used in the current trial. This desperate attempt to forge a case for approval out of ill-designed trials seems to have led to some of the recent controversy.

If the new drugs must be compared to AZT, then the next question is whether they must be proved superior, or only equivalent, to merit FDA approval. Equivalence, of course, would be the standard preferred. But there are statistical complications in proving equivalence. For example, in a trial to test whether one drug is better than another, the incentives are for researchers to run a tight, clean study, so that if there is a difference, it will be found. But in a test for equivalence, the incentives are for researchers to run a sloppy trial, because failure to find a difference means success. For this and other reasons, there is confusion now over whether proof of equivalence will be enough for approval of ddC or ddI, or whether proof of superiority will be required.

There are other problems with the current ddC and ddI trials and with the regulatory process. One concern is that companies do not usually submit their data to the FDA until their NDA (New Drug Application) is finished; the FDA prefers to get the data all together, in order to save staff time. But an NDA is a large document, typically consisting of many volumes of paperwork. Anyone familiar with the influence of corporate and organizational cultures would expect that any time one organization generates such a document and passes it to another for evaluation, many points of disagreement or friction will almost certainly be found. Without inside knowledge of the operations at the FDA, we cannot know whether this potential problem does or does not in fact cause serious, avoidable delays. (If it does, procedures could be changed to encourage earlier collaboration for NDA review of critically important drugs.)

Two years ago, NCI's Dr. Samuel Broder saw that no new AIDS antivirals would be approved unless procedures were changed. In a Newsday article, he said, "If we have to compare every drug to AZT, with death as the endpoint of a trial, we're going to be in a situation where it will be very difficult to get any other antiretroviral approved for AIDS. It took us two years to get AZT out—how long do you think the next one will take? Five years, ten years? That's unacceptable!"

Two years later, the trials of ddC and ddI still have months or years to run—and as we pointed out above, they are not well focused on the important questions. This is the context of the growing movement to ask the FDA to call in the existing data now, look at all that is known about these drugs, and approve them if there is "substantial evidence" that they work.

SF Physicians, Congress and Project Inform Seek Early ddI, ddC Review

On December 26, 1990, two San Francisco physicians' organizations, the Community Consortium and Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, together representing almost all physicians

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with large AIDS/HIV practices in the San Francisco area, filed a formal petition with the FDA urging that agency use its existing statutory authority to expedite submission of existing data on ddI and ddC, and then make a decision on marketing approval by March 1, 1991.

This petition is especially important for several reasons:

- It shows that the call for rapid evaluation of ddI and ddC (and of other drugs which may be equally promising in the future) has the clear support of the leading AIDS physicians in the San Francisco area, who are among the most experienced in the world. As far as we know, there was no opposition to the petition within either medical organization.
- It cites specific sections in the Code of Federal Regulations which show that the FDA has the clear legal authority and also the mandate to expedite the approval of critically important drugs for life-threatening illnesses.
- It also calls on the FDA to use its authority to establish and publish criteria by which antiretroviral drugs will be judged for approval, which would provide guidance for pharmaceutical companies and reduce the confusion which now prevails.
- The 11-page petition document itself (including 55 technical references) is the best single statement of the case for early approval of these drugs.
- The petition will become part of the Congressional Record, available for easy reference by members of Congress.

The petition is open for endorsements by other organizations. Persons interested in receiving a copy should send a large self-addressed stamped envelope to: Jim Driscoll or Barry Freehill, c/o Community Consortium, 3180 18th Street, Suite 201, San Francisco, CA 94110.

In further developments, on November 27 Congressperson Barbara Boxer (D-CA) released a letter from 25 members of Congress to the new Commissioner of the FDA, David A. Kessler, M.D., asking for early review and possibly early release of ddI and ddC. Congresswoman Boxer stated, "It is imperative that incoming FDA Commissioner Kessler make this a top priority. His background, as an AIDS pediatric physician from a Bronx public hospital, well qualifies him to take a fresh look at medical evidence supporting these drugs."

Congressperson Jerry Lewis (R-CA), Chair of the House Republican Conference, wrote a separate letter supporting early review of these drugs.

Congressional involvement is important because in the past, the FDA has often faced criticism from Congress for approving a drug too soon, but almost never for delaying approval. These letters provide cover for the FDA, and greatly reduce the concern that fear of Congress might prevent it from moving as rapidly as it otherwise could.

Mobilization Against AIDS first asked Boxer to draft the letter and circulate it in Congress; she immediately agreed to do so. To obtain a copy of that letter, write or call Mobilization Against AIDS, 1540 Market St., #160, San Francisco, CA 94102, 415/863-4676.

Paul Boneberg of Mobilization Against AIDS pointed out that obtaining such assistance from members of Congress is not difficult, if local organizations choose to develop an appropriate relationship with their representatives.

And finally, the first consensus statement in support of early licensing of ddI and ddC has been circulated by Project Inform. Over 25 organizations and a number of physicians have signed.

On August 16 Martin Delaney of Project Inform first wrote to Doctors Ellen Cooper and Paul Beninger of the Division of Antiviral Drug Products of the FDA, warning them that early approval of ddI and ddC was about to become a major public issue, and exploring possibilities for expediting evaluation and approval of these drugs.

The first draft of the Project Inform statement called for early approval of the drugs, not just early review. Some physicians objected to this draft, saying that they had not seen the data and therefore could not know whether or not the drugs were ready for approval. Later drafts of the Project Inform statement—as well as the physicians' petition, and the Congressional letter, both described above—took these reservations into account, and called on the FDA to rapidly review the existing data, and approve the drugs if justified.

Aspirin Update:
Warning, Promise & Call for Information

Last September, AIDS Treatment News featured an in-depth look at the possibility that ordinary aspirin might have a role in AIDS treatment as an immune modulator, not just for minor symptom relief. One of the physicians we interviewed, Joseph Sonnabend, M.D., in New York, called recently to warn us of the importance of medical monitoring with aspirin use—especially the need to follow platelet count. He has seen one case of serious hemorrhage in a patient with a rapidly falling platelet count, who was taking two 325-mg aspirin tablets four times a day. Fortunately, this person recovered.

Dr. Sonnabend suggests that anyone with a platelet count of under 100,000, or who has ever had thrombocytopenia (low platelet count), should have frequent medical supervision if they use aspirin, or other drugs which can interfere with blood clotting. Anyone with HIV should be monitored by their physician if they use aspirin.

A REPORT OF T-HELPER IMPROVEMENT

We have heard of one case of an unexpected major improvement in T-helper count after low-dose aspirin use. We are reluctant to mention a single case until there is confirmation; but here the patient was in an NIH epidemiological study and has very good data available—quarterly T-helper and other blood counts from a quality-controlled lab for the last six years. We also chose to mention this case because it suggests that an easy-to-organize community-based trial could tell quickly if the effect is real, or just a chance result in one case.

This patient's T-helper count had declined for four years, then stabilized at an average of about 500 with AZT; he has taken 500 mg of AZT per day for two years. He started taking a single 325-mg buffered aspirin tablet per day near the end of August, 1990. His last T-helper count before starting aspirin was 553. By mid September the count was unchanged at 556, although the helper/suppressor ratio had changed from .56 to .78. By mid November the count was 895, and by mid December it was 968. The T-helper percent and helper/suppressor ratio showed substantial increases. There was no other change in therapy or other known factor which would explain these improvements.

The patient had selected the low dose (one aspirin a day) because of a report that an even lower dose (one aspirin every other day) had the greatest effect in increasing both interleukin-2 (IL-2) and interferon gamma in healthy volunteers. In this study, IL-2, which stimulates the growth of T-cells, was increased to two to three times baseline levels by low-dose aspirin.

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Women and AIDS Conference Report

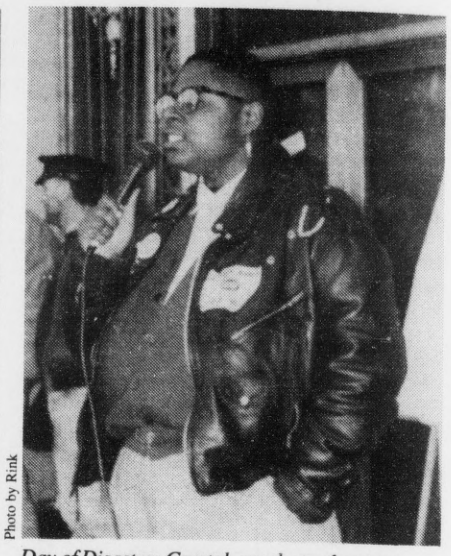
BY LAURA THOMAS

The first National Conference on Women and HIV Infection was held December 13-14, 1990, in Washington, DC. It marked the first time that so many women with HIV, care providers and activists had met specifically to talk about women and AIDS. The main issues discussed at the conference were the need for adequate health care for women with HIV infection, the lack of knowledge about the progression of disease in women, the problems of women and clinical trials, and the difficulties of doing education and prevention for women. This is a preliminary report of some of the information from the conference.

Some of the most interesting statistics presented proved conclusively what we already knew: health care makes a difference. Pat Kloser, M.D., from the Newark Women's AIDS Clinic, showed that the women who were cared for in her clinic averaged 70.4 weeks between AIDS diagnosis and death, as compared to the women who went through the emergency room and hospital system there, who averaged only 27.5 weeks.

The clearest recommendation for care was that women with symptomatic HIV disease should get cervical and anal Pap smears every six months, followed up by colposcopies if necessary. Pap smears are recommended for all women once a year, and men with HIV may be interested in having anal Pap smears done as well. A Pap smear is a test for unusual, possibly pre-cancerous cells. Women with suppressed immune systems are especially vulnerable to infection with HPV (human papilloma virus) which causes cervical and other anogenital cancers. While there are not yet any truly effective treatments for cervical cancer or HPV infection in people with HIV, early detection and treatment offers the best hope of keeping it under control. Pap smears should become part of every woman's health care regimen, and we have heard that they are now going to be included in the standard of care for participants in AIDS Clinical Trials Group clinical trials.

There seems to be some evidence that the antimicrobial action of the PCP prophylaxis TMP-SMX (Bactrim or Septra) is causing vaginal candidiasis, or yeast infections, in women. It is well known that antibiotics such as penicillin can cause such infections, which many women have self-treated with acidophilus or yogurt, although we have not heard of any women on Septra taking acidophilus to counter the candidiasis. Vaginal candidiasis is also very common in women with HIV, so it may be hard to tell whether it is caused by Septra or not. TMP-SMX may also be preventing some of the HIV-related bacterial pneumonias that many women and injection drug users are getting.



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Day of Disaster: Crystal speaks on the steps of City Hall as part of the ACT UP Jan 28 action, which included stuffing thousands of SF Chronicle news boxes with "AIDS IS A DISASTER,"—the ignored local war story. Crystal noted, "We should have good government or no government."

Conflicting data was presented on the interaction of methadone and AZT. One clinician stated that methadone lowered levels of AZT in the blood, and another said that it nearly doubled AZT levels. Many recovering injection drug users are on methadone, so this will be an important drug interaction to study. As a group, injection drug users in clinical trials showed the same compliance rates as gay men did, debunking the myth of IDUs as irresponsible people. In fact, the most important predictor of compliance in a Boston trial of AZT was the belief in the efficacy of AZT, not the participant's drug using status or transmission route.

One woman with AIDS described her frustration at being unable to find a doctor who was willing to operate on her cervical cancer. Doctors discussed their difficulties in getting and keeping good nurses. Many women talked about the need for substance abuse treatment and made it clear that they could not take care of their HIV infection without taking care of their substance use, and vice versa. We were encouraged to hear of community-based clinics for women with HIV; but speakers noted that women enter the health care system everywhere, and there are few obstretics and gynecology physicians, or emergency room personnel, who are trained to care for women with HIV.

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Aspirin...

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raising T-helper counts, or if the effect reported above was just happenstance or only applied to one patient. Clearly it would be easy to run a trial with low-dose aspirin, and follow T-helper counts for at least three months.

- Is antiviral therapy (in this case, AZT) necessary? Stimulating the growth of T-helper cells without antiviral therapy might increase the growth of the virus. We have heard good results from studies which combined IL-2 and AZT; one early report found a T-helper increase of over 300 during IL-2 therapy, although the increase disappeared after treatment was stopped. If low-dose aspirin does indeed stimulate the body to produce more of its own IL-2, then aspirin might be an alternative easier to obtain, safer, and of course less expensive than the experimental pharmaceutical IL-2.
- Could this treatment approach also work for persons with lower starting T-helper counts? A community-based trial could accept volunteers with a range of T-helper values. Then—if any significant effect is seen—the researchers could look for a dose-response relationship.

Any information about long-term use of aspirin, and its effect (or lack of effect) on T-helper counts, could be helpful for designing such a trial. If you have information we should know about, contact John S. James at 255-0588.

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PRESS CLITS

BY MINDY SPATT & HILDIE KRAUS

WHO IS THE REAL SECURITY THREAT?

In what Randy Shilts referred to as an "abrupt shift" in government policy, the Department of Defense deferred the separation (discharges, in civilian parlance) of lesbian and gay servicepeople.

According to a January 11 *SF Chronicle* article by Shilts, the army's "Stop-Loss Policy" will postpone all administrative separations until after the separables have served in the Desert Storm offensive. This category includes people whose time is up, as well as disciplinary problems and other undesirables.

For years, the military has ignored the persistent pleas for acceptance of gay servicepeople such as Perry Watkins and the late Leonard Matlovich. Department of Defense regulation 1332.14 states that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." We agree.

So does Jay Hatheaway, in a *Gay Community News* article by John Zeh. The ex-Green Beret contributed a chapter to "My Country, My Right to Serve: Experiences of Gay Men and Women in the Military." In an interview with Zeh, Hatheaway says that "activists who fight for acceptance in the military have lost sight of the armed forces' mission... which is to secure the imperial interests of the U.S. both at home and abroad."

The government's cynical decision to reserve body bags, but not re-enlistment slots, for queer soldiers sends a clear message to gay people in this country. As Hatheaway says, "...to willingly struggle for acceptance by the nation's primary tool of oppression runs counter to the origins of lesbian and gay liberation."

The roots of our liberation are in resistance and activism—there will be no place for us in George Butch's "New World Order." Our security lies in opposing senseless war. Many gay activists are out in the streets doing just that. We've been among them, and so far we haven't run into the editor of "My Country, My Right to Serve," Mary Ann Humphrey. In a recent interview in Chicago's *OUTLINES*, former reserve Captain Humphrey explains why:

"[I have] a very negative image of activists, not just gay activists. I mean people who throw themselves in front of trains because they don't want the nuclear stuff to go by, the ones that never have a job, they're just activists...I'm a responsible citizen."

Gay newspapers across the country this past year reported cuts in AIDS programs and other desperately needed social services, but the reasons for these cuts seemed largely ignored. If the government is spending billions of dollars to make the Mideast safe for Texaco, social programs at home are bound to suffer. As *Ms.* reports, the defense budget consumes 27 percent of the federal budget; Aid to Families with Dependent Children accounts for less than 1 percent.

THE GAP

With the gap between rich and poor widening, it would be nice to see some of the wealthier citizens of the Lesbian Nation come out. Victoria Brownworth, writing in *OUTWEEK*, implies that some well-known performers such as Lily Tomlin, Tracy Chapman and k.d. lang might be lesbians. Writes Brownworth:

"Twenty-plus years after Stonewall, we should be demanding that these women declare themselves or stop taking our money."

Having supposedly "declared herself," lang was dubbed "Dreamboat of the Week" in a later issue of the same paper. What did this declaration consist of?

First, she was commended for her "depiction of lesbian longing" in a video for "So in Love," where she buries her face in a nightgown on a clothesline. Try it with a woman inside the nightgown, k.d.—it's a lot more fun that way.

The paper then gushed over her comments in L.A.'s *Village View*. The interviewer asked if

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lang was willing to accept a role as spokesperson for the gay community. "Yeah, I do," responded our laconic heroine. *OUTWEEK* referred to this answer by lang as going "whole hog." Sounds more like bacon bits to us. While eager to promote her views on eating meat, she's been noticeably silent about eating pussy. If lang wants to come out, we suggest she start with the "l" word. As in "I am a L------."

Speaking of "l" words, we'd also like to see lang come out against former (?) employer Levi-Strauss, owner of the Gap. Evidently the clothing giant is unwilling to pay employees making their clothes even a small fraction of what it pays celebrities to model them. Levi closed its San Antonio plant last January, laying off more than 1000 workers who earned an average of $6 an hour. The plant will be moved to Costa Rica, where workers will be paid $39-$50 a week to do the same jobs. Labor activists are suing Levi-Strauss and organizing a boycott in support of continuing protests by laid-off workers, most of whom are Latina women. We hope 1991 will be the dawning of a new fashion era for lesbians. Get with it girls, drop those Levi's.

Moving from denim to leather, we were sorry to have missed the 5th Annual Women's Motorcycle Festival, held last summer in Franklinville, New York. Alix Dobkin was a featured performer. According to *WOMANNEWS*, several women walked out of her concert to protest Dobkin's support of the decision to ban S/M activities at the Michigan Woman's music festival.

In contrast to Michigan, recreational activities were encouraged at the motorcycle fest, including a contest in which participants had to snatch panties off a clothesline from a moving motorcycle. We hear Michigan is considering a similar contest next year—only white, 100-percent cotton reinforced-crotch panties allowed. Winner of this contest will be awarded the empty nightgown from k.d. lang's clothesline...

PEOPLE WHO TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS DEPARTMENT

According to *Mom...Guess What?* from Sacramento, Betty L. McKay was recently sentenced to two consecutive terms of life in prison for pouring boiling oil over her ex-girlfriend. The two women still lived together, and McKay awoke one morning to find her ex in bed with another woman.

While we can't condone Betty's action (although God knows we can imagine the feelings that drove her to this desperate measure), we would like to see equal penalties for male violence against women. Rapist and mutilator Larry Singleton, lately picked up for shoplifting in Florida, deserved worse than eight years in prison. Betty, you boiled the wrong person. Let's all try to direct our rage constructively.

OPINIONS YOU WON'T SEE ON TV

Gays and lesbians are mostly absent from opinion polls. Two Chicago gay men have started a company to remedy this invisibility, reports Jim Marks in *Southern Voice*. Overlooked Opinions is a marketing and opinion research business. Curious about how the gay community stands on U.S. involvement in the Gulf? Here are a few statistics from an early October poll of 1,000 gay respondents:

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Yes . . . 39.9%

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No 71.7%
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No 31.3%
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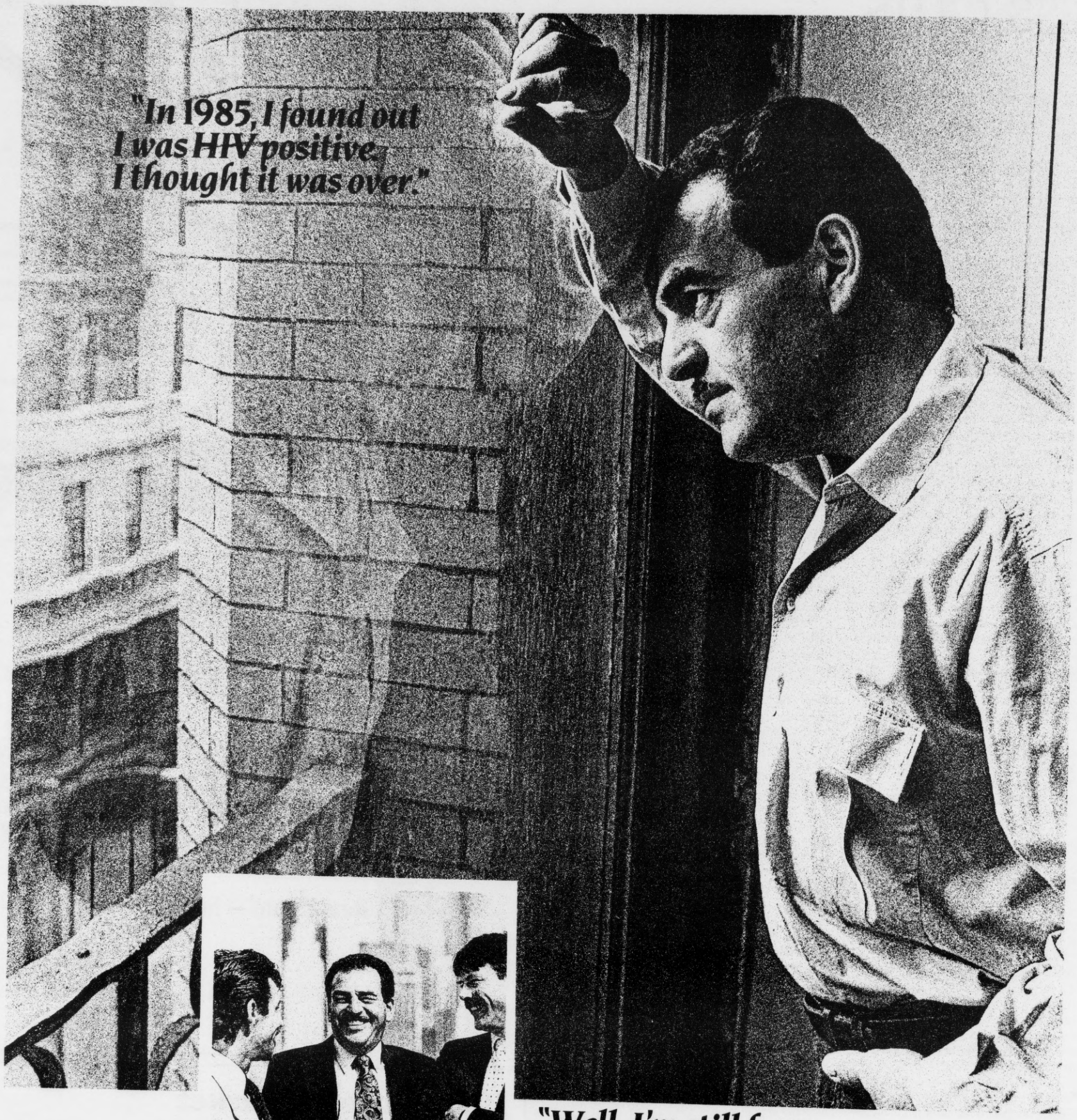

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Letters...

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Anybody who attempts to take someone else's power by force inevitably forfeits her own. (This is a natural law, not one imposed by the S/M community.) Likewise, anyone who holds onto her own energy is halting the process, which can in fact be spiritual, by preventing exchange—the eternal cycle of the universe.

Within all of these opposites, there are many shades of grey and silver. A femme is not always a bottom; role-playing does not always involve S/M; S/M does not have to involve role-playing; a woman who defines herself as butch may look femme on the surface—and so on. There are literally thousands of ways to interpret and expand these categories. Hopefully, we've just begun that process.

Feminism is absolutely NOT, by definition, in opposition to either S/M or butch/femme role play, but can be incorporated anywhere and in any way a woman chooses. In order to make such a choice, however, she has to discover her options. This means more discussion, experimentation, gender-bending, thinking for oneself, and reading and writing articles like Victoria Brownworth's.

"Chloe," who wishes all of this weren't happening, might take a look at the fact that her very resistance to it provides the opposition needed for an exchange. In effect, she is adding fuel to the controversy, though of course it would be happening in any event. Change is inevitable. The "pure theory" of the '70s and early '80s was bound to give way to something else, and there are people whose outlook is far better suited to these times than those. I know mine is. I have been a feminist for as long as I can remember, but I needed a different context in which to live out my politics. I'm sure there are a lot of women (and men) who feel this also.

It's ironic, but the very changes "Chloe" abhors are those she—and I, and all our activist sisters of the past 2 decades (and long before)—helped make possible. For me it's a source of tremendous pride that young lesbians today have so many more options available to them than I had. Not only will some of them choose to continue the butch/femme tradition—which I helped keep alive, I like to think, by insisting on wearing angora sweaters and lipstick to "woman only" events!—but some will follow in "Chloe's" path, and still others will create new choices that neither I, nor "Chloe," nor Joan Nestle, Susie Bright, Pat Califia, et al, ever even dreamed of. More power to them!! Such freedom is *exactly* what all the marches, rallies, arrests, coffeehouses, articles, books and discussions were intended to bring about. The point of our struggle was certainly never to "shut one another up."

I hope that this letter might help all the "Chloes" out there to understand that they *are* a part of what's happening, and that what's happening is necessary and healthy. Even if they are not personally excited about it, perhaps they'll come to be glad for all the women who are—women who, like me, feel that they are able to take a deep breath for the first time in many years.

In closing I have to add, though I've attempted to keep this letter as nonjudgmental and loving as I believe it needs to be, that "Chloe's" remark about Pat Califia being a man was not only rude, it was moronic. Not agreeing with someone is no reason to resort to such viciousness, even under an assumed name. That remark hurt a lot of people besides Pat Califia, and did nothing to further the positive discussion which is taking place all around us, and which must continue.

Thank you for your even-handed treatment of this and other issues. The *SF Bay Times* is a truly great community resource.

Laura Federico
San Francisco

Separate Butch/Femme from S/M

A lot of women would be surprised to hear that "sex started happening...on both Coasts" at some point in Victoria Brownworth's lifetime. The idea that "Some lesbians had waited a long time to have sex and have fun" is pretty hilarious, too. I can assure you that while some lesbians waited until they were eighteen or out of their parents' house (or even until somebody asked), that lesbian sex has been happening right along. It didn't all start at once in retaliation against the anti-pornography movement.

I am dubious of the objectivity of a writer on this subject when she uses the terms "pro-sex" and "anti-sex." Why not "pro-pain" and "anti-pain?" All the lesbians I know like and are in favor of sex, even those who don't consider pain and humiliation appropriate expressions of healthy sexuality.

Could we please separate butch/femme from S/M? Women can call ourselves whatever we like, especially those of us who were raised in times of rigid gender distinctions (the '50s, the '90s). But when sexual satisfaction is dependent on anyone's pain and humiliation, we're no longer talking about positive, life-affirming, survival-ensuring behaviors. We're talking about women eager to do patriarchy's work: hurting and enslaving women.

I'm not saying "Nobody can do this because I don't approve." I'm saying, "Anybody who hurts women is not my friend." I do not presume to tell anyone what she may do, but I know who my friends are. And who they aren't.

Jean Sirius
Oakland

The War At Home: Flare of Resistance—*San Francisco exploded on January 15, the day before the U.S. started bombing Iraq. The demonstrators that took over the streets in the days after the onset of war ran the gamut of SF's citizenry: mohawks and mohairs, anarchists and accountants, leather jackets and suits, young and old, all chorusing "PEACE" and "No Blood for Oil!" Tens of thousands of protestors dhut down the Federal Building two days in a row and closed the Bay Bridge twice in the same day. Every demo was marked by a major gay and lesbian presence. At the Federal Building, the strains of "Gentle Angry People" and "Give Peace a Chance" gave way to a crowd of fags, dykes and genderfucks screaming "Fags Suck Dick, Dykes Lick Labia, U.S. Out Of Saudi Arabia." As one 17-year old Berkeley High schooler put it, "We need to shut this city down if need be. This is* my *blood that they are trading for oil!"*

Accepting Differences In Our Community

Dear Chloe: This letter is to you and to all the lesbians who hold your beliefs against butch-femme and S/M relationships. Yes, Ms. Brownworth did use your quote—and what a quote it was! After rereading it several times, I came to the conclusion that you had not really thought about what you were saying. Your quote is full of contradictions as well as some undeserving catty remarks (get those claws back in!). Did you hear yourself when you criticized S/M sexuality (and I assume you mean butch/femme relationships also) for "women telling each other what they can do and when?" Aren't you doing the same thing? Well, I guess there is a difference—in S/M and butch/femme relationships, the demands for certain types of behavior and action are consensual, based on safety and trust. But when you demand a certain type of behavior and/or action from 'true' lesbians you do it self-righteously, with no regard for others' individuality or consent. So much for politically correct consensus.

As for objecting to what women choose to wear—"women in chains, women in leather"—you remind me of some of the women who criticized their sisters in the women's movement of the '60s who chose to wear pants (those are *men's* clothes for goodness sake!) and not to wear bras (how unladylike!). Am I to assume that lesbians will be expected to wear some type of politically correct uniform? Instead of pink triangles, will we be forced to wear our collars turned up, bi-level haircuts and Birkenstocks? And all African-Americans will have to wear colorful African garb, all Japanese-American women will have to wear kimonos and Native Americans will all have to wear eagle feathers in their hair. Oh, but wait...what if you are an African-American, Native American lesbian? I really don't think the world is ready for that kind of fashion statement.

When you stated that women who choose to be in butch/femme relationships are not *real* lesbians, I laughed in astonishment. What, pray tell, is a *real* lesbian? By using your definition of what a lesbian isn't—a women who is unwilling "to give up the idea of male control, male behaviors, male attitudes about what women are and should be,"—haven't you unwittingly put yourself in this category? For in rejecting all qualities which may be defined as male in our society today, you are allowing the male hegemony to dictate what you *can't* be. To be a *real* lesbian, you can't be assertive, you can't be sexual, you can't be independent, for these are *all* "male" attitudes and behaviors. It seems to me, you are no less affected by our male-dominated culture than the rest of us who choose to walk a different path.

Do you assume to know more than most lesbians, to be more enlightened, to have experienced more? You do little credit to your sister lesbians in assuming they are not evolved enough or educated enough to make their own decisions of what types of relationships they wish to be in. Your self-righteous proclamations sound like a bad episode of *Father Knows Best*. Women who choose to be lesbians, who choose to be in butch-femme relationships, who choose S/M are adults capable of making their own decisions. I am confident in their ability to know what is safe, comfortable and right for themselves. How dare you assume you have the right to take away their freedom of choice!

By creating sexual and behavioral norms which *real* lesbians are supposed to adhere to, you, and others who think like you, have only succeeded in buying into the dangerous notion that women across the globe are alike in their biological superiority as mothers and care-givers. You ignore the vast differences among women which are not cause for distress, but for celebration. Your sisters who choose to live a different lifestyle than you are not forcing you to join them, and they do not deserve to be persecuted by you! We are all sisters, bound together by our passionate love for women. We are persecuted indiscriminately as lesbians regardless of what lesbian lifestyle we choose to live, and we will only be able to overcome the homophobia and hatred which runs rampant in our society by accepting the differences that run through our community.

Cherie Stewart
San Francisco

Major Anti-Semitism

When I read Sonja de Vries' comments about Israel and Zionism, (Letters, *SF Bay Times*, January 1991), I knew we had a major anti-Semite here. None of the complicated real truth for de Vries. The bad bad Jews are simply colonists forcing the good good Palestinians off their land.

I support the right of the Palestinian people to control their own destiny in their own way. Israel's present intransigent mood and government must change. But de Vries, interestingly, leaves out a little history in her total putdown of Zionism.

Zionism is simply the return of the scattered Jewish nation to the land of its roots. Unfortunately, two different peoples loved this land. In 1947, the Jewish community agreed with the United Nations to a two-state solution, and even grudgingly accepted the internationalization of Jerusalem. This solution is exactly what de Vries and the PLO want now (two states), but Israel already agreed to that 44 years ago. It was the Arabs, however, who wanted the whole pie, and immediately set about trying to destroy Israel.

From 1948 to 1967, the Arabs controlled the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. Why was no Palestinian state set up then, if that is what they wanted? They were more interested in attacking Israel every day.

Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza in 1967 only after acts of war had been committed by Egypt (blocking the Red Sea to Israeli shipping and removing the U.N. peacekeeping troops from Sinai). At the Khartoum Conference in 1967, after Israel offered to return the occupied territories in exchange for peace, the Arabs reiterated their oft-stated pledge, "No peace with Israel, no negotiations, and no recognition of Israel..."

So as nice as it was for the PLO to finally recognize Israel two years ago, the timing was a bit late. The hard-liners are now in control of the Israeli government, which is a reflection of the mood of the Israeli people at present.

It saddens me that in this complex world, when we need to see all sides of a problem, de Vries and many like her see only good-bad, left-right and us-them. Both sides have made mistakes, both sides want peace but are stuck, and our efforts must be to bring these two cousin-peoples together rather than blaming one side or the other.

Sincerely,
Dov Ben-Khayyim
Berkeley

Ashkenazi Power Structure

This is in response to the letter printed in the December 1990 issue of the *SF Bay Times* from the S.F. Gay/Lesbian Zionist Alliance. In this letter Sonja de Vries is criticized for saying that the Zionists are European colonists. The fact is that the original Zionists were what de Vries said they were. Even if the majority of Jews in Israel today are non-European (and according to the *Reform Judaism* magazine issue for Winter 1990, this fact is not confirmed), Rabbi Marc D. Angel of the Shearith Israel congregation in New York has stated that these Jews have to play the game according to the Ashkenazi power structure.

The world now knows of the injustice done to the Palestinian people. I was in Tudela, Spain a few years ago during the celebration of that city's Sephardic Jewish heritage. The Leftist Assembly of Tudela protested this event because of the Zionist political element in some of the presentations. Flyers stating the reasons for the protest were passed out by the Leftist Assembly. One sentence in the flyer said, "Israel is the result of the genocide against the Palestinian and other Arab communities."

I am not a leftist, but I believe in the good that was done by this protest. I hope that the members of the S.F. Gay/Lesbian Zionist Alliance will seek other information, as for example from The New Jewish Agenda.

Jaime Cader
San Francisco

Israeli Brutality

I would like to take issue with some comments made in recent letters to the *Bay Times* concerning Palestine and Israel. I have just come back from there as a member of a 17-woman (over half of us lesbians) peace brigade. We returned to the U.S. with a commitment to speak the truth about what we witnessed, build support for a Palestinian state, and confront anti-Arab racism at every opportunity.

As a woman, a lesbian and a Jew, I believe it is extremely crucial, *especially at this moment in history*, for those of us in the U.S. who daily experience oppression, violence and hatred, to critically examine or re-examine the Israeli state. The

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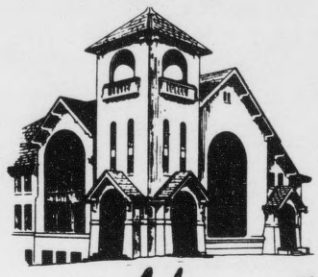

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intifada is the unified and dignified response by a nation living under occupation for over forty years. The only peaceful solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict is the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, a just and valid demand that needs to be taken up much more seriously by all progressive movements in both the U.S. and Israel.

I'd like to challenge the myth that Israel is a democracy and "ethnic minorities are fully in the political process" as stated by Lauren McGowan. Few people in the U.S. realize that Israel doesn't even have a Constitution, despite the fact that it was established over 40 years ago. (Let's remember the intense pressure imposed on the very young Sandinista government in the early '80s by the U.S. to write a Constitution). In fact Israel and the occupied territories are governed by a combination of British, Ottoman, Jordanian and Israeli laws. The occupied territories are primarily governed by close to 1500 martial laws. The issue of democracy and racism (apartheid as we experience it) cannot be separated.

Inside the 1948 borders (the green line—Israel): Israeli and Palestinian children go to separate schools. Palestinians receive the lowest paid jobs (that no one else will do) and absolutely no benefits. It is illegal for a Palestinian to market or sell "even one tomato" inside Israel. Due to the recent influx of Soviet immigrants, the recent return of many Palestinians from Kuwait and Iraq, and of course the successful labor boycott called for by the intifada, thousands of Palestinians are being dismissed from their jobs. They face "No Arab workers allowed" signs wherever they go. If Palestinians make repairs or improvements on their homes or if they refuse to clean the grafitti off their house, they are either fined or their house is demolished.

Inside the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza, Palestinian families live in a war zone. A law was passed in 1989 that made it policy for Israeli soldiers to shoot any group of children holding stones. Soldiers impose evening and nighttime curfews on a daily basis. Twenty-four hour curfews ("house arrests," when entire populations of refugee camps and cities don't leave their homes for days on end) are increasingly common. Midnight raids and beatings are constant. We ourselves visited women, beaten the night before, who showed us the deep purple bruises all over their bodies including the genital area. Their crime—opening their doors to young children who threw stones at the soldiers. When Palestinians are arrested, including children as young as 11 years old, they are not formally charged, and are frequently denied visits (including lawyers) and letters. Upon their release they are issued "green ID cards" which label them "terrorists" and deny them future entrance inside the green line. A Knesset member with whom we met said that racism was deeply rooted in the laws of the land and has been since 1948. She sadly added that this ideology is accepted by the majority of the population and is becoming even worse among today's Israeli (born post-'67) youth.

In addition, I want to briefly comment on Ms. McGowan's incorrect and idealistic statement that Israeli "gays and lesbians are free to express their lifestyles." In fact, lesbians in the Israeli women's peace movement are completely closeted—both for their physical safety in general as well as because of the homophobia internal to the women's movement. I experienced this personally on two separate occasions. The first was when we met with a mixed (straight and lesbian) group of women. The straight women were surprised when the lesbians said that homophobia existed among them. The second was during the Israeli women's peace conference. The facilitator (yes, a lesbian) of the lesbianism/feminism and peace workshop, consciously deleted the word "lesbian" when announcing the workshop to the entire opening plenary session. The fear they experience was underlined when all of us attending that workshop were asked to respect each other's anonymity once we stepped outside.

Not surprisingly, the U.S. and Israel have a lot in common. All of us in the women's, lesbian, gay, anti-intervention, peace movements, etc.—in both countries must actively oppose racism, misogyny, homophobia and militarism at each and every opportunity. It enrages me, that Ms. McGowan, who describes herself as a "feminist concerned with human liberation" would openly and without hesitation say that Israel is a "good country in a bad neighborhood." At a time when racist attacks on the Arab community are skyrocketing, from the FBI interrogations to "isolated street violence," comments like Ms. McGowan's fuel the flames. This cannot be tolerated, by anyone. And as a feminist—*this will not be tolerated*—NOT IN MY NAME.

Terri Massin
San Francisco

P.S. I'd like to note that this letter was written prior to the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Palestinian Propaganda

We are writing regarding Sonja de Vries' misleading letter. Typical of Palestinian propaganda, she relies on emotional arguments which incorporate buzzwords that confuse the facts but sound very convincing. She states that "the early Zionists in fact violently forced Palestinian Arabs from the land where they'd been living for thousands of years." Actually, that exact land had been the Jewish Homeland thousands of years *prior* to the creation of Islam!!!

When the Jews returned to their Homeland in the 1800s, 70% was owned by the Turks and then the British governments; 8.6% of the land area now known as Israel was owned by Jews; 3.3% by Arabs who remained there; 16.5% by Arabs who left the country upon the urging of their leadership who vowed to destroy the Jews once and for all. Fortunately, the persistent attempts by the Arabs to destroy Israel in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973 have all resulted in dismal failure. Let us hope that Iraq's 1991 attempts result in failure.

Ms. de Vries is also *very* mistaken in her statement that the Jews from North Africa and Arab countries (then, and currently, living under horribly oppressive conditions) are a "more recent phenomenon" to Israeli society. In truth, Jews from these countries immigrated to Israel in the late 1940s and very early 1950s. These Jews of Sephardic origin are indeed successfully integrated into Israel, serving in some of the highest governmental, military and elected offices. Ms. de Vries also overlooks the fact that 750,000 Arab Israeli citizens enjoy full equality before the law, with a voter participation rate of over 80% in the last election.

If it were not so pathetic, it would almost be laughable that Ms. de Vries claims the PLO has allegedly "renounced terrorism" and "there have been no such (terrorist) incidents in recent years." After Yasser Arafat supposedly uttered the magic words, he subsequently denied it to his Arabic-speaking audiences. The violent and bloody history of the PLO is clearly documented and an all-too-vivid reality in Israel and across the planet. The PLO has not "repeatedly renounced terrorism;" rather, they have continued to terrorize innocent civilians in the skies, on the seas, on a Tel Aviv beach in May 1990 and currently on Israeli streets and in the West Bank against their own people. Ms. de Vries is simply incorrect if she naively believes that the leopard has changed his spots; unfortunately, the PLO remains a repugnantly blood-thirsty organization. Not the kind of organization anyone would want as a "state" in their own backyard.

Sincerely,
San Francisco Gay Lesbian Zionist Alliance

Israeli Terrorism

I am responding to Lauren McGowan's letter (Letters, *SF Bay Times*, January, 1991). She states, as a feminist, she is concerned with human liberation. Sadly though, she is not concerned with Palestinian liberation. Does Ms. McGowan think Palestinians are not human enough to be liberated? By supporting Israeli expansionism she has shoved human liberation for the Palestinians into the trash can. She states Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East but forgets to note that nearly two million Palestinians are subjected daily to searches, land confiscations, demolition of family homes, indefinite detentions and curfews that sometimes last for weeks. She forgets to note that 93% of all land in Israel (excluding the West Bank and Gaza) cannot be sold or leased to 18% of the Israeli population that is of Palestinian origin. They are denied access to land owned by their forefathers. Maybe Ms. McGowan does not know that next to the citizenship line in the Israeli passports of this 18% of the population, there is a blank space. That is, this 18% does not share the same privileges as the rest of the other 82% that is Jewish. This is comparable to forbidding the Hispanic and Black population of the U.S. from owning 93% of the land in America. And finally, as for the internal terror stated in the letter, I think Ms. McGowan has gotten the two parties confused. It is the Palestinians who are being terrorized and killed daily by the Israeli army for protesting subhuman conditions. I guess Israel's democracy only works if you are an Israeli Jew. Too bad for all those Palestinians, eh?

Sebastian Bizzari
San Francisco

PLO Terrorism

The letter written by Sonja de Vries in support of the PLO is profoundly lacking in facts and rather ripe with unsubstantiated accusations. She is simply out-there-in-left-field when she claims that the PLO has renounced terror as a means to an end—the so-called "liberation of Palestine." I would like to correct her flawed statement that "there have been no terrorist incidents in recent years."

The following is just a sampling of PLO terrorism since the 1988 "renounciation of terror."

- a bomb planted near a bus stop near Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva, Israel, March 20, 1989
- a bomb planted in a synagogue in Kfar Avrahan, Israel, March 31, 1989
- a bomb planted in the Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem, Israel, May 16, 1989
- a terrorist 4-man squad tried to infiltrate by sea the Israeli coastline, December 26, 1988
- three terrorists tried to infiltrate the Israeli border near Kibbutz Manara, Northern Israel, December 28, 1988
- five terrorists were killed on their way to seize hostages in one of the Galilee communities, Israel, February 23, 1989
- five terrorists were intercepted on their way to take hostages in Zarit, a civilian farming community in Northern Israel, March 2, 1989
- three terrorists were intercepted near Kibbitz Manara, Northern Israel, March 12, 1989
- a rubber dinghy carrying terrorists on their way toward Israel was spotted by an Israeli navy patrol near Rosh HaNikra, Northern Israel, April 8, 1989
- a Katyusha attack and infiltration attempt were simultaneously launched against Metulla, Northern Israel, May 28, 1989
- a three-man terrorist squad, on its way to seize hostages, was intercepted near Kibbutz Misgav Am, Northern Israel—these terrorists were car-

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Cheers and Tears of Joy at the Inaugurations of Achtenberg, Migden & Ammiano

Emotions ran high at a packed SF City Hall Supervisor's chambers as Roberta Achtenberg and Carole Migden were sworn into their offices. All the candidates introduced members of their families. Roberta (above) told the crowd that her son Benjie (peering over the desk, with Roberta's lover Judge Mary Morgan looking on) benefited from growing up in San Francisco: "He's learned that not all kids have two moms." Carole (upper right) introduced not only her lover but her ex-lover, explaining that the two had merged long ago (did we ever expect to hear this talk in our local legislature?) And the day before, at the SF School Board swearing-in, Tom Ammiano received a congratulatory hug from (newly-elected lesbian) Judge Donna Hitchens. As Tom Ammiano's answering machine said in the days after the November election: "Jesse Helms, eat your heart out!"

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Photo by Jane Cleland

rying Kalachnikov assault rifles, grenades, and LAW rockets, August 1, 1989

- on their way to attack an Israeli community near the Lebanese border, two terrorists were intercepted. Leaflets were found in their possession declaring in Arabic that the only way to "free the Holy Land" is through armed struggle
- a terrorist-squad infiltrated from Jordan near the Israeli community of Hatzeba, thirty miles south of the Dead Sea, Israel, March 17, 1989
- a terrorist crossed the Jordan River near Kfar Ruppin, Israel, and attacked an Israeli patrol, killing two soldiers, September 2, 1989
- Katyusha rockets were fired upon Kibbutz Sha'ar Golan in the Jordan Valley, Israel, September 7, 1989
- Two terrorists, armed with Kalachnikov assault rifles, submachine guns and grenades, crossed into Israel southeast of Rafiah in the Sinai. Apprehended after throwing a grenade on an army position, the terrorists explained that they were sent by the Islamic Jihad organization in coordination with Arafat's *Fatah*
- a five-man *Fatah*/Arafat squad was intercepted after crossing Israel's southern border at Har Harif in the Nevez. Heavily armed and carrying 50 grenades and five Kalachnikov assault rifles, its aim was to carry out a massacre of Israeli civilians, December 5, 1989
- the PLO tried to carry out a massacre of civilians along the Tel Aviv shoreline. Two high-speed rubber dinghies, sent from a mother ship anchored off Israel's coast, were intercepted, one north of Tel Aviv and one south of Tel Aviv. The terrorists were killed in the battle or captured, May 30, 1990.

And the list goes on!!! I am dismayed that she can make such incorrect and misleading statements. Her illogical accusations are similar to typical illogical PLO rhetoric. I hope these facts clear up the MYTH that the PLO has made a serious commitment to peace.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kamaya Segal
San Diego CA

Environmental Illness: Isolating and Misunderstood

I'm writing to thank the *SF Bay Times* and Christina Smith for the December article, "Living with Environmental Illness." EI is an isolating and misunderstood disease. It's hard enough living with the physical symptoms of the illness; the stress of having our experience invalidated, ignored and distorted makes it much worse. Articles in the lesbian/gay press can begin to dispel some of the misconceptions about EI and help the community begin to understand what our lives are like as EI lesbians. If even one person who read the article refrains from wearing scented products before going to a lesbian/gay event, a little progress has been made. The problem is clearly much bigger than that, but we've got to start somewhere.

I want to applaud Jaya Salzman, Marty Jaye, Randa Phillips and Barbara Ruth for having the courage to tell their stories. I hope the *SF Bay Times* will continue to include articles about environmental illness in its coverage of health problems in our community.

Sincerely,
Pamela Gray
Los Angeles

Multiple Personality Disorder Discrimination

I always enjoy reading Don Baird's column, and January's article on Madonna was no exception. However, I cannot sit back and let a major error pass by unchallenged. In the article he makes reference to Sally Field portraying a schizophrenic. I assume the movie Mr. Baird refers to is *Sybil*, in which Ms. Field portrays not a schizophrenic but a person with multiple personalities. Historically, multiple personality disorder (MPD) has often been confused with schizophrenia, and people with MPD have most commonly been misdiagnosed as schizophrenics, but the two conditions are vastly different. His question, "Now more than ever who wouldn't want to be someone else?" implies that somehow the person with MPD 'chooses' to have different personalities. Nothing is further from the truth! People with MPD have developed alternate personalities as a means of coping with intolerable trauma in his/her life. MPD is almost always caused by severe child abuse and therefore not a topic to be joked about by ignorant outsiders.

Persons with MPD face similar discriminations as do lesbians and gays in general. We are a hidden minority—you can't see it when you look at us so you assume it's not there. But MPD is a serious mental health problem not nearly so rare as patriarchal medical men would have you believe. Viewing MPD as a rare and unusual disorder is one of the results of denying incest and child abuse in our culture. MPD and other dissociative disorders need to be acknowledged and dealt with in our community and society at large. I would like to see articles done in this paper on MPD, mental disabilities (an all too often ignored disability) and other related topics and welcome a dialogue with others. We need to end our isolation and also clear up misunderstandings such as Mr. Baird's. It's time people realized: WE ARE EVERYWHERE!

Linda D.
Santa Rosa

TV for PWAs at General

I was originally going to write you about Kate Bornstein's "Hidden: A Gender." It is such a fabulous play and, being a Lesbian Transsexual, it really hit home with searing impact. But, while I was perusing this possible letter, I met an acquaintance that told me about an incident concerning a mutual friend in the AIDS Ward at San Francisco General Hospital that appeared to be unreal.

He said that AIDS patients are charged $3.00 per day for rental of television sets that are able to get only four or so of the regular broadcast channels. With all the money and effort that is spent in providing support for the PWAs, it certainly would be wonderful if something could be done to provide them with free television sets; sets that would be permanently installed in the AIDS Ward so that all patients would be able to get TV programs without any charge.

That is really not asking for much. I have real problems allowing TV rental companies to make a profit off very sick people who get very little enjoyment of life while in the hospital. TV is critical for people who are sick; to charge them for that is unconscionable.

And, to carry it one step further, why can't VIACOM install the full cable package for all the television sets in the AIDS Ward. Is this really asking too much of VIACOM who is making millions off the Gay/Lesbian community who are, for the most part, avid A&E people. If they won't volunteer, perhaps negotiations can be made with VIACOM for a cheaper rate. Perhaps the Gay/Lesbian media can spearhead this effort.

Billi Goldberg
San Francisco

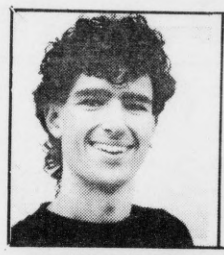
GAWK

I can't hang in bars/usually wind up screaming "Wanna fuck" over the music. And since I'm an alternative type, I dreamed up an alternative. It's called GAWK. The Gay Artists and Writers Kollective. It's a good thing. I meet a lot of cool people this way. Dig. GAWK is not something one finds at the bottom of a shower drain. GAWK is not for people who like to watch lurid and debase acts (tho some do). GAWK is for funsters, sceneoids, listeners, artwrecks, trendy wendys, new wave, old guard, support, networking, help, workshops, parties, potlucks, talent! You ask "How can I become a member of GAWK? Answer: If you even think about GAWK, you're in GAWK. But please, don't call me if you're talentless or in a bad mood. Can you help with our mailing list? Wanna hire gay performers? Can you help with our phone tree? Can we hang out at your house? Do you know of a cool space we can use for a performance? On drugs and alcohol: I've done a lot of things I don't want to cop to right now but I don't do 'em now and prefer you didn't either. I'm not a control queen. Like Oscar Wilde says "Life is much too serious to be taken so seriously."

Interested parties can call Jon Sugar at 731-2424 or send a SASE to 901 Stanyan St. #14, SF 94117 and wait for instructions.

Dr. Bill Warner and I are organizing a new writers workshop. Check it out! February 3 at 3pm. The guest speaker will be Daniel Curzon. Call for info.

Hugs,
Jon Sugar
San Francisco



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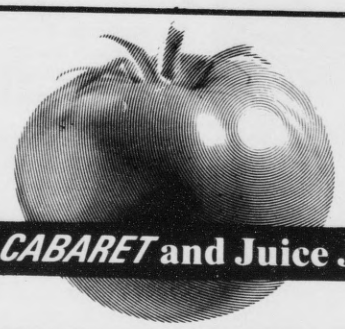

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"First-rate!" —*NY Native*

FUNNY GAY MALES

Fri, Feb 1 - Fri, Feb 15 • 8 PM • $10
Added 10 PM Shows Fri, Feb 1, 8 & 15
No shows Mon, Feb 4 & 11

"A dissenter type...a troublemaker." —*F.B.I. Memo*

From Woodstock, NY, Lesbian Folksinger

ALIX DOBKIN

Sat, Feb 16 • 8 PM • $10

"A grand singer full of conviction." —*NY Post*

From NYC, Jazz & Blues Singer

RANDA McNAMARA

with PAUL GREENWOOD
Sun, Feb 17 • 8 PM • $8

"A lesbian Lenny Bruce" —*Boston Globe*

Comic LEA DELARIA in

'LESBO-A-GOGO'

A Multimedia Dyke Extravaganza
Wed, Feb 20 - Sun, Feb 24 • 8 PM • $10
Added 10 PM Show Friday, Feb 22

"Engaging, original, and acutely funny!" —*NY Times*

Comedian, Ranter, Performance Artist

FRANK MAYA

in his new solo show 'UNAUTHORIZED AUTOBIOGRAPHY'
Tues, Feb 26 - Sun, Mar 10 • 8 PM • $10
Added 10 PM Shows Fri, March 1 & 8
No Show Sun & Mon, March 3 & 4

GAY COMEDY OPEN MIKE

with MCs **DANNY WILLIAMS** (Feb 4 & 11) &
MAUREEN BROWNSEY (Feb 18 & 25)
EVERY MONDAY • 8:30 PM • $4
Performer sign-up by phone by 7:30 PM.

GAY COMEDY NIGHT

with Emcee MARIO MONDELLI
EVERY SATURDAY • 10 PM • $8
Feb 2: Karen Ripley, Michael Savoy, Larry Havluck
Feb 9: Danny Williams, Monica Grant, Dan Morgan
Feb 16: Karen Williams, Maureen Brownsey, Marilyn Pittman
Feb 23: Tom Ammiano, Lisa Geduldig, Scott Capurro

SUNDAY MUSICALES

4 PM • $6

Feb 10: The **Chrysanthemum Ragtime Band**
Feb 17: The Soul & Gospel of **Gwen Avery**
Feb 24: Menage, the vocal group
from the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF

Throughout February, Josie's exhibits the artwork of Hue Shurley in a show entitled
"LETTERS NEVER SENT."

Josie's Cabaret is well-served by MUNI buses # 8, 24, 35 & 37, and by METRO cars J, K, L & M. For those who drive, the Market-Noe Parking Garage (entrance on Noe just North of Market) offers discounted parking for Josie's customers. Call **Josie's** for details.

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RESERVATIONS FOR ALL SHOWS: 861-7933

ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

The Cage of Aquarius

Ah, the important questions! Will the war last how long? How will it turn out? Will we get to see Charles Jaco and Wolf Blitzer in a debriefing?

Astrological indicators are for a fast one. THE turning point in the Gulf War is on February 14. I'm figuring on a brief war to establish a new status quo and to justify a sustained military presence in the region. Jordan and Syria will come out ahead and linkage to the Palestinian situation will create a political flurry in Israel, probably a change in government. With the influx of Soviet Jews and the growing need for *lebensraum*—along with a fourth house Jupiter in the Israeli chart—it is not entirely unlikely that in the late summer or early fall Israel will annex the West Bank and offer some form of citizenship to the Palestinians. Many will refuse and be deported. This is an "extreme scenario." How it actually plays out will probably be a milder version of Zionist expansion following similar but subtler lines.

Meanwhile, Gorby's going to find out that he bit off more than he could chew in the Baltics. The crackdown will continue through February, but March and April will prove very restive throughout the USSR as the Republics fight for independence, and the centrifuge will accelerate.

On the sixth of this month Saturn enters Aquarius for a close-to-three-year passage through that sign. Conservatives will become less religious and more inventive in their general approach to politics, and on both ends of the political spectrum we will see an increase of rules "for your own good."

Aquarius, the water carrier, was originally Ganymede, the beautiful youth whom Zeus fell in love with and abducted into the heavens to be cup-bearer of the Gods. This sign is ostensibly about the urge to recreate ourselves toward godhood. It is also the sign most associated with Gay men, shamans, eccentrics and the truly creative. Saturn is a conservative, materialistic planet that brings out the scientific rather than the magickally quirky potentials of this sign. Expect some redefinitions of scientific procedures and breakthroughs in technology (more truly indicated in other aspects but supported by Saturn in Aquarius.) This could also be a time for radical faeries to organize along more corporate or "legally strategic" lines.

As evidenced by the lavender sweep, queers are moving into positions of power, and last fall was just the beginning! Look forward to more. Some people may be dismayed to see that this will force our communities to stricter lines of accountability and some compromises. We may (and will!) argue over the validity of specific compromises, but this is all part of a necessary political process. Yes, I too would personally prefer a Queer anarchist revolution, but Saturn in Aquarius teaches us to be realistic and pragmatic about pushing for deep, radical changes. One well considered step at a time, *mes braves.*

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: At a peak of your professional reputation you are tempted to display your authority in bold new directions. You may find yourself clashing with other—perhaps greater—authorities in the process. Indeed you may know better than they, but there could be strategic considerations you are overlooking. Look beyond the moment. Are you better served in the long run by being uppity or by being shrewd? Foresight is not really one of your stronger virtues, but right now you have an opportunity to develop that very handy skill. It will take discipline. No, it's not easy, but it's worthwhile, and won't you enjoy amazing everyone by showing you can do it! Yes, they will be amazed!

TAURUS: Your sign is typically more pragmatic than cerebral, but you are now faced with some interesting intellectual challenges. You may be tempted to rationalize what you already know to be true, and you'll amaze your friends by your ability to dance around a question. Really, you'll do yourself a tremendous favor in the long run by admitting that you have yet to learn about the questions at hand. Cultivate an open, enquiring mind (Supermarket tabloids don't count!) A famous Taurean developed philosophies regarding the adaptive nature of reality. "Material dialecticism" he called it. It means, yes you were right before, but as circumstances change you can be open to changing your mind and still being right without ever having been wrong.

GEMINI: You are suddenly open to some very odd and very challenging ideas. Sex is one possible realm of challenges. Death is another. Read *The Story of O*, then take a look through a hardware store. Use your own imagination and explore other options. You'll be surprised where imagination leads you! On the other side of the eros-thanatos polarity you can find some exciting new metaphysical directions. Yes, I am trying to be terribly positive about something that could get quite ugly. You could simply become a pioneer in the growing new field of grief overload. Lots of opportunities for counseling and support. Go through yours now and beat the rush. Could we please get back to sordid novels and eye-bolts?

CANCER: Haven't I been telling you this would be a difficult period for relationships? It doesn't get any easier right now, but it does get different. Right now big changes are due, and they're going to take a lot of hard work and adjustment. A wedding fits that description, but so does a divorce. Less dramatic possibilities are generally more likely. This is the time to explore issues of freedom and responsibility. You may hear your dearly beloved whispering endearments like, "Honey, I've been thinking about opening up our relationship." Ripping out your brand new ex's gonads and throwing the filthy-minded slut through the wall is less than constructive. On the other extreme, jumping up and down, singing hallelujah does not inspire confidence either. Approach any changes in your relational status with calm reason. Take your time and examine your options.

LEO: All the hard work you've been taking on offers a creative challenge now. It may also work your nerves into a frenzy. Nothing is going the way you planned, but if you are truly as creative as you like to think you are, you will make a brilliant conquest of the challenges and disruptions at hand. Yes, hard work and lots of improvisation. You can do it, but it will take everything you have. Also be very careful of your health right about now. Surprises needn't be bad, but to put your hard work to maximum benefit, balance it out with periods of relaxation!

VIRGO: One of the reasons why you get such awful press in most astrology columns is that whenever there are transits that turn everybody's life into execrable messes, you seem to have a lovely time. They're all jealous. Read their horoscopes and try not to smirk. You, my darling, are having a new creative streak and enjoying new pleasures. It looks to the rest of the world like you're working hard at some private drudgery and being no fun at all, but in the privacy of your own creative forum you are breaking new ground. You enjoy good, hard work and a sense of accomplishment. Innovations now will further your accomplishments. Let go of old preconceptions and enjoy some clever experiments. The more open you are to change, the more likely you are to achieve something brilliant.

LIBRA: Why not just dynamite the house and move to another city? There are, in fact, any number of good reasons, but entertain yourself with the notion. Then sit down and make a list of all the reasons for making a radical change in your domestic situation. Your sign is famous for good company, but if that reputation is still intact, nobody's asking your roommate lately. You who are so wonderful at knowing what everyone else is up to should look within to your dissatisfactions. Not to get Freudian (G-d forbid!), but the stars do point to something in your early childhood coming up. It may help to burn your parents in effigy.

SCORPIO: Some people find you rather controlled in your manner of speech. Right now that controlled sharpness becomes incisively creative. This is a wonderful time to try your hand at novel forms of expression, but try to exercise that newly creative urge to pencil and paper or a word processor. You

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THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

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1 ■ FRIDAY

SF L/GFD Parade Auditions for those who want to perform at the 1991 Celebration are being held 2/24 in Oakland and 3/3 in SF. Today is the registration deadline, see 2/24 listing for details.

It's Dekadence!! Heroism! Legacy! Art! Every Friday Night at the Endup, 6th & Hassion, SF. Infoline: 543-7700

Performers, Light & Sound Women, set designers & other women interested in helping create Whiptail Lizard Lounge's upcoming Performance Night are encouraged to call Heather 267-6979 for more info (leave message). Whiptail Lizard Lounge is a wimmin-only dyke space.

Lesbian Intro/Escort Service: Night of soft music & non-alcoholic beverages. Come meet new friends, share old ones. 6-8 pm tonight & 2/8 & 22. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

Red, Hot & Blue: An AIDS benefit celebration of Cole Porter's music—a fashion & dance event at DNA Lounge. Doors open at 9 pm, show starts at 10, $5. For details call Gary Walker (408) 298-6861. 11th & Harrison, SF.

Musicians Open Mike for Women at Mama Bears. Room for 6 performers. call 428-9684 to reserve your slot. 7 pm, $3. Women only. Reservations suggested. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

"Theatre of the Heart: Expressing Our Connection to Nature & Spirit", a wkshop with Morna Watson. Focus on re-establishing, strengthening & celebrating physical & spiritual connections with the living earth thru performance work in partnership with nature. 7-9 pm, tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Register Early for *Bay Times* reviewer Bo Huston's writing class, see 2/15 listing for details.

"Organetics: Energy Dynamics in Organizations," lecture/wkshop with Stephano Sabetti. Learn how to use this concept of energy dynamics to quickly & effectively diagnose problems as disruptions of energy movement within organizations. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-4 pm tmw & 2/3. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Pineapple Sunset: "ephemeral sculpture" performance by Sha Sha Higby at Hatley Martin Gallery, tonight & tmw, and 2/8 & 9 at 8 pm, 41 Powell St at Market, SF; and 2/23 at 8 pm and 2/24 at 4:30 pm at Richmond Art Ctr, Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Also wkshop 2/23, 10 am-1 pm. Tix $10 at door, $8 adv. Info: 868-2409.

Cheryl Wheeler at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8:30 pm. Info: 548-7603.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's: This trio (Jaffe Cohen, Danny McWilliams & Bob Smith) of NY's funniest returns to Josie's for 16 performances. It's a "howlingly funny" show, a look at the world thru the eyes of three very different stand-up comics. Runs tonight thru 2/15 at 8 pm, with additional 10 pm shows tonight & 2/8 & 15 (no shows on 2/4 & 11). Tix $10. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Old First Concerts Series continues with Maggi Payne & Laetitia Sonami in a concert of live & recorded electronic music. 8 pm, Old First Church, 1751 Sacramento St, SF. $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608.

Explosive Eve of Dance with Paul Benney & Jessica Lutes at Footwork. Part of Footwork's Bread & Butter Series. Tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm, $8. 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info: 824-5044.

Golf: All Play! the Southbay BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Today's the registration deadline, see 2/17 listing for details.

Ft Miley VA seeks applicants for its AIDS Volunteer Program. Volunteers sought who can commit to visiting AIDS/ARC patients at the Ft Miley VA Med Ctr for a minimum of 2 hours per week for 6 months. Home care volunteers are also needed. Supervision & training provided (training sessions take place next month, 3/15 & 16). Applicants must be age 16 or older. Vets & non-vets, men & women are welcome. Ft Miley VA, 4150 Clement St, SF (near Cliff House, accessible to public transit). Info: 750-2144.

Women's Cross-Country Ski Trip. Stay in 2-bedroom cabin at Tahoe-Donner near Royal Gorge & other ski areas. $40 per person for wkend, includes dinner. Info/res: 664-7317. Trips scheduled for 2/1-3, 8-10, 22-24.

Clean Up the Castro Sweep by Delta Lambda Phi, gay/progressive fraternity, see 2/2 listing for details.

Frameline offers new lesbian/gay films to community groups, teachers, and others wishing to put together screening series, film festivals, etc. Frameline, the producers of the annual SF International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, have an extensive distribution catalog available, for a free copy or other info call 861-5245.

Spoken Word Savages Series continues at Cafe Beano with "Carnival of Souls" with QR Hand and Daniel Higgs. 10 pm, $3. 878 Valencia St, btwn 19th & 20th, SF. Info: 558-8112.

Gathering of Young Lesbian Separatists & Our Radical Feminist Lesbian Friends in Our Teens & Twenties: to be held 3/23-24 in Chicago, Illinois. Part of the ongoing networking between a new generation of dykes making radical choices. Come connect, imagine, create, desire, and believe in the power to face confusion, isolation, fear & hate and come thru strong, clear & together. Multicultural gathering. Lesbian batterers & s/m are not welcome. For info write: Waxing Crescent, 2825 North Laramie, Apt 2N, Chicago Illinois 60641-5028.

2 ■ SATURDAY

Fitness Program for the Physically Disabled: Spons by Millberry Fitness Ctr of UCSF. Free seminar led by physical therapists for persons with physical disabilities who are interested in developing an exercise routine or expanding recreational & sports opportunities. Non-disabled persons are also welcome. 1:30-4:30 pm. 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-1115.

Men of All Colors Together (MACT) Bay Area Discussion Series. Topic: "The Mechanics of a Relationship: What Should You Have in Your Toolbox?" 7-10 pm at 625 O'Farrell St, SF. Info: Lee 261-7922.

1st Annual Gathering of Women, spons by the Women's Empowerment Project. Poetry, ritual & music concert, followed by dancing. Entertainment by Teresa Chandler, Judy Fjell, Donyell Carter, Jennifer Berezan, Christie G and *The East Bay Girls*. 7 pm-midnight, $10-15 SL fee. No woman turned away for lack of funds. Ambrose Recreation Ctr, 3105 Willow Pass Rd, Pittsburg (5 miles east of Concord, off Hwy 4, take the W. Pittsburg exit (LEFT exit off the freeway). Seating is limited, reserve early, call 439-0629 for details or send check to Women's Empowerment Project, PO Box 5338, Pittsburg, CA 94565. SIGN, Wheelchair Accessible. WEP provides education, legal support & advocacy & leisure & social activities to women & their children.

The Splatter Trio: Jazz, rock, improv & new music at New Langton Arts, with Dave Barrett, saxophone; Myles Boisen, guitar/bass; and Gino Robair, percussion. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 626-5416. 1246 Folsom St, SF.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: An evening of progressive folk, bluegrass, Irish, Cajun, old-timey & original music with Robin Flower, Nancy Vogl & Libby McLaren. 8:30 pm, $7-9 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Vicki Randle Concert at Mama Bears: 2 shows tonight! 8 & 10 pm, $7. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Barter Night at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Women only. Absolutely free, spons by DAM (Dykes Against Money). Bring your goods, skills, art, unwanted wares, ex-girlfriends etc; for an eve of trade and swapping. No money, just fun! 7-10 pm, 1451 Stevenson St (btwn Mission & Valencia, off 14th), SF. Info: 267-6979.

Kronos Quartet in concert, with special guest Zimbabwe composer Dumisani Maraire, in the premiere of Maraire's new work composed especially for Kronos, *Mai Nozipo*. Program includes John Zorn's *The Dead Man*, John Oswald's *Spectre*, Istvan Marta's *The Glassblower's Dream*, Peter Sculthrope's *Jabiru Dreaming* and Alfred Schnittke's *Quartet No 2*. 8 pm, $20. Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. Info/res: Cal Performances 642-9988. Tix available at BASS.

Pineapple Sunset—ephemeral sculpture by Sha Sha Higby, see 2/1 listing for details.

Il Bobo Sferrato, "a postmodern Baroque Opera: Two shows—tonight at 8 pm and 2/3 at 7 pm in the Palache hall of St Clement's Church, 2837 Claremont Ave nr Ashby, Berkeley. Chronicles a search for modern-day gay male romance, featuring the Yoruba (West African) pantheon, an evil troll, & Bobo, the Terror Clown from 'Nam. A cast of 20 & a 14-member orchestra perform original music parodying Monteverdi, Lully, Rameau, Handel, JC Bach & Kurt Weill, and incorporating R&B, Country & West African music. Produced by Teatro Bocchino. $7. For tix & other info call 658-3382.

The Girl Spot takes over the Endup, every Saturday night, w/DJ Nikki Rivera. 6th & Harrison, SF. Infoline 543-7700.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's, see 2/1 for details.

Bi-Friendly Groundhog Day Party: Come celebrate the season of Aquarius with Andy & Jeanne at Kabuki Manor, Oakland. Bring warmth (hot beverages, heart-warming music, etc) for a night of dancing, storytelling & other winter comforts. 8:18 pm. Info/location 654-4402.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs 8:30 pm tonight & 2/16 on cable 6 Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto & Stanford. Program features Darryl Alvarez & Lily Braindrop, who produce porno magazines for intellectuals, the lesbian movie *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, and the monthly GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) Report.

Katie Webster in concert at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8:30 pm. Info: 548-7603.

Explosive Eve of Dance at Footwork Studio, see 2/1 listing for details.

Celebrate Your Spirit with Ram Dass, Jack Kornfield, Joanna Macy, Fritjof Capra, Stephen Michell & others, in a weekend focused on developing strategies for living consciously & compassionately in today's world. Includes celebration, meditation, poetry & music. $100 for both days, $75 for one day. Proceeds benefit Spirit Rock Ctr, a retreat facility for contemplation & exploration. Tix available thru Ticketron & at door. At Herbst Pavillion, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: 488-0164.

Free Plant Clinic on identifying infections, diseases & pests: 9 am-noon at University of Calif Botanical Garden, Berkeley. People are encouraged to bring their sick plants or cuttings to the clinic, where Dr Bob Raabe, associate director of the garden, and entomolgy expert Rachael Freeman will answer questions and prescribe treatments. For info call the Visitor Center 642-3343.

Pathways to Freedom: a symposium on the history of contemporary liberation movements, spons by the Weekend College Program of New College of California. Panelists discuss their own experiences, addressing the following questions: In what ways have we ourselves limited the effectiveness of our own liberation movements? What shared assumptions & goals unite all movements for social change? How can liberation movements work together not only for common goals but for the goals of each individual movement as well? Panelists include: Carl Anthony, president of the City of Berkeley Planning Commission & president of Earth Island Institute; Isoke Femi, Bay Area race relations activist & conductor of "unlearning oppression" workshops; Lisa & Raymond Giraud, longtime animal rights & other social justice issues activists; Marty Kheel, writer & member of Feminists for Animal Rights; Phyllis Lyon & Del Martin, co-founders of Daughters of Bilitis and longterm lesbian rights activists; Norma McCorvey, abortion rights activist, and the "Jane Roe" of Roe v Wade; and Maxina Ventura, Bay Area performer. 9 am-4 pm, New College, 50 Fell St, SF. Info: 626-1694, ext 164.

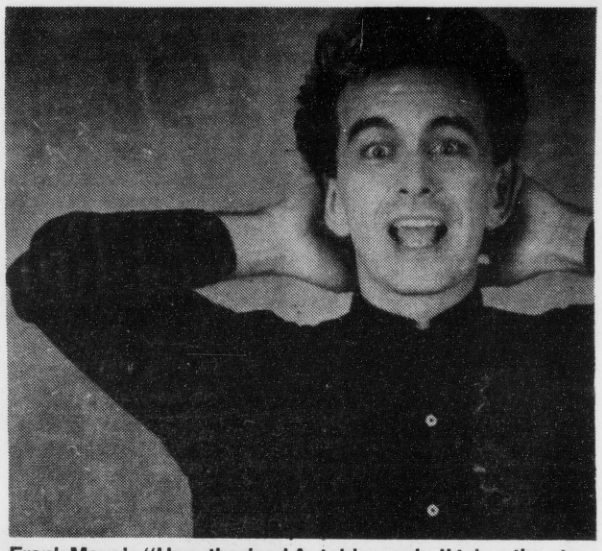
Considering Therapy? Wkshop for anyone considering or actually shopping for a therapist. Assessment & clarification of issues, discussion of fees & insurance, demystification of various techniques & modalities, patients' rights, how to get started. Half-day workshop, $20. Info: Alex Mackenzie, MFCCI 252-0160.

Pt Pinole Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Interstate 80 North. Exit Hilltop Dr, go west past mall. Turn right onto San Pablo Ave, go about 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Atlas Rd, follow to Pt Pinole Park. Meet 9:30 am at parking lot. Parking fee, off-street parking free. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Mt Tamalpais Hike with SF Hiking Club. Moderate hike on the upper slopes of Mt Tam. Total distance 7-8 miles, elevation gain about 600 feet. Driving distance 30 miles, cost per car $5, includes $2 bridge toll (to be shared among passengers). Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Info: Joseph Itiel 647-0574. Rain cancels.

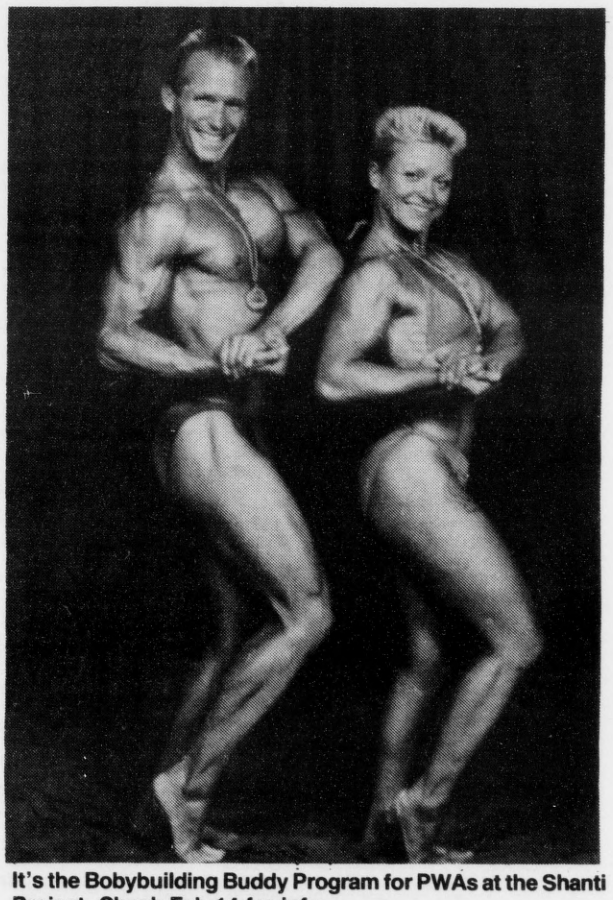
Celestial Krewe de Cuir sponsors "Bal Masque III: Lost Cities & Ancient Civilizations". Mardi Gras unmasking of the King of Leather & his Royal Consort, the Crown Prince of Leather, and the Chevaliers of the Celestial Leather Court, chosen for their contributions to the leather community. Co-emcees: Judy Tallwing-McCarthy of SF, Int'l Ms Leather 1987; Steve Patten of Oakland, Mr Northern Calif Drummer 1989. Host & hostess: Alan Selby of SF, *Leather Journal's* Man of the Year 1989; Ineka of San Franicsco, Nat'l Leather Assoc, Outcasts & Womanlink. 9:30 pm at The Penthouse (upstairs at Amelia's, 647 Valencia St, SF). 9:30 pm. Info: 552-7788.

1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys. Discuss body image, roles, being single, dating. Work on sexual identity issues, learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression, begin to create a support network. Safe, confidential setting. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 mins south



Frank Maya's "Unauthorized Autobiography" takes the stage at Josies, starting Feb 26.

Mardi Gras Extravaganza with the Lesbian & Gay Chorus! Feb 10 has all the details.



It's the Bobybuilding Buddy Program for PWAs at the Shanti Project. Check Feb 14 for info.

of SF). 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL. Info/res: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Cleaning Up the Castro: members of the gay/progressive fraternity Delta Lambda Phi sponsor a monthly "sweep the sidewalks" service starting today at 10 am at Castro & Market, SF. Cliff's Variety Store has donated the necessary tools for the project. Following the sweep, Delta Lambda Phi will hold a benefit for Rest Stop (an AIDS/HIV social support organization) at the Cinch Bar. The benefit/beer bust runs 3-8 pm. For more info about Delta Lambda Phi & their programs call Stephen Day 239-8311 or write to 584 Castro St, Ste 383, SF 94114-2588.

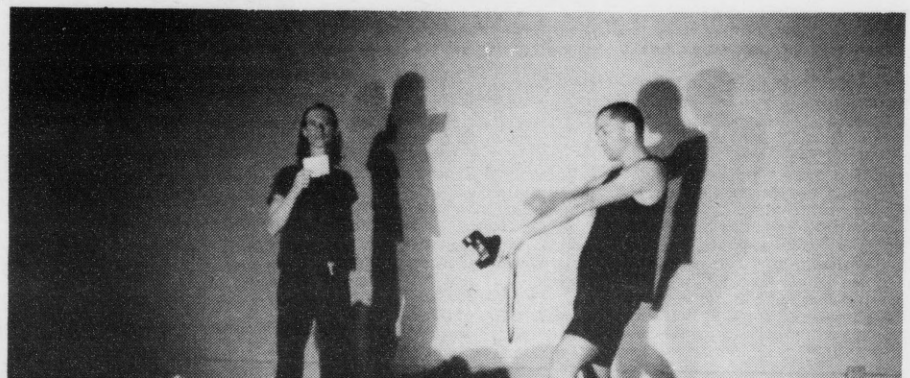
Contemporary Korean Cinema Series at Asian Art Museum: See *The Surrogate Mother* (1987), film set in 14th century Korea, a dramatic examination of the role of surrogate mothers, women contracted to bear sons to families where the wife is sterile. Okyo, herself the daughter of a surrogate, becomes a surrogate mother initially for materialistic reasons. She later falls in love with the man with whom she contracted, and is devastated when she must give up the child. 10:15 am. Followed by *The Age of Success*, a 1987 film presenting a troubling portrait of rampant consumer capitalism in contemporary Korea, thru the story of a ambitious marketing strategist who claws his way to corporate power. 12:15 pm. Also *Adada*, about a young mute woman who struggles to preserve her dreams of true love amid a world of arranged marriages & greed. 2:30 pm. Films are free, after regular museum admission. Trustees' Auditorium, Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 751-2500.

Electric City Queer TV airs tonight & tmw at 10 pm on Oakland/Richmond cable channel 50. For program details call 861-7131.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's with emcee Mario Mondelli and comics Karen Ripley, Michael Savoy & Larry Havluck. 10 pm, $8. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio tonight: *Field Trip, Hellen Keller Plaid, Wig Torture* and *Pieces of Lisa*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

From This Moment On: a performance art fashion event featuring the music of Cole Porter from "Red Hot & Blue" CD. Midnight at the Colossus, SF. Info: (408) 298-6861.



"More Garage Dances" from the High Risk Group, Feb 21-23.

3 ■ SUNDAY

Foreskin Restoration Support Group meets at 1 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 108 (btwn 18th & 19th St, west of Castro & Market). Dr Sharlip discusses restoration procedures. A professional psychologist is present at all FRSG meetings. Info: 827-4077.

All Day Teadance at the Endup—get up and dance from 6 AM 6th & Harrision, SF. Infoline: 543-7700. Every Sunday.

Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame 1991 Film/Lecture Series continues with "A Writer's Angle". Screening of Charles Lane's *Sidewalk Stories*, followed by a discussion of bringing Black film experiences to the public's attention. Panelists: Judy Stone, *SF Chronicle* film critic; *Jacquie Jones*, editor of *Black Film Review;* Greg Lewis, *Image Magazine* writer; Fred Beaufort, *Crisis Magazine* editor. Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St, downtown Oakland. 2-5 pm, $3. Info: 465-0804.

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Lawyer & Ellipse (San Mateo AIDS organization) official Harold Jackson discusses "Working with HIV: A Labor of Love". Also raffle with Romeo—bring our anonymously wrapped gift! Proceeds benefit the club's treasury. Info: 552-1997.

"Gay Youth" Fundraiser: proceeds benefit an educational video about the plight of gay & lesbian young people. Producer Pam Walton discusses her work-in-progress. 3-5 pm, $10-20 admission, donations tax deductible, make checks payable to BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators). 5030 Golden Gate Ave, Oakland. Info: 960-3414.

Taverner Consort, known for their scholarship & performance excellence, perform work by Monteverdi, "Madrigals of War & Love", at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. 3 pm, $20, $16 & $12. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.

Old First Concerts Series continues at Old First Church with *The Aurora String Quartet*. Program includes Beethoven's Quartet Op 18, No 2; Bartok's Quartet No 3; and Britten's Quartet No 2. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608. 1751 Sacramento St, SF.

BABN Fundraiser/Celebration Party: Bay Area Bisexual Network sponsors a party to celebrate the first issue of *Anything That Moves*, a new magazine by & for bisexuals. Copies available! The hot tub will be running, so bring your swimsuits. 4 pm. For info/location: Karla 673-8303.

Club Uranus Every Sunday night w/Lewis and Mike. At the Endup, 6th & Harrison, SF Infoline: 543-7700.

At El Rio: *Montuno Street*. 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MusicSources' Banquet Series, "Refreshing Talk," continues with Michael Rose, co-owner of Semifreddi's Bakery, presenting "A History of Bread & Biscotti in Italy", followed by delectable samples. This series features discourses about food, bread or wine, intertwined with music. 5 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: 528-1685.

Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame film/lecture series continues with "A Bigger Picture", a panel discussion on how production elements work together to "birth" a film. Panelists include: Floyd Webb, assoc producer of "Daughters of the Dust", and "Mrs Harris"; David Johnson, script writer/director of "The Session"; and Michelle Colbert, director of "Saving Grace". The 1938 Oscar Micheaux classic, *God's Stepchildren*, will be screened. Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St, downtown Oakl. $3. Info: 465-0804.

Slides & Stories from the Women-to-Women Peace Brigade to Palestine & Israel: Hear the stories of 6 Bay Area women who participated in the US Women's Peace Brigade to Israel & the Occupied Territories. 7-9 pm, $3-5. Proceeds benefit Palestine women's committees & political prisoners.
Spons by the Middle East Children's Alliance. 7-9 pm tonight at La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley; and 7-9 pm 2/10 at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Penny Rosenwasser/Middle East Children's Alliance 548-0542.

Postmodern Baroque Opera, "Il Bobo Sferrato," in Berkeley—see 2/2 listing for details.

Marley's Ghost at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: 548-7603.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's, see 2/1 for details.

Celebrate Your Spirit at Ft Mason Ctr with Ram Dass, Jack Kornfield, and others, see 2/2 listing for details.

At DNA Lounge tonight: Rockabilly with *Bea Pickles, The Boogeymen* and *The Bachelors*. 11th & Harrison St, SF. 9 pm.

Frames of Mind: Transformation thru Film—a day-long seminar, "Film & Personal Relationships", incorporates film viewing, workshop processes, and small & large group discussions to explore various personal relationship issues, including: childhood patterns, deception & denial, and obsession in the romantifc triangle. Led by Francis G Lu, pyschiatrist; Barbara White, MS, Feldenkrais therapist; and Naomi Butler, MA, MFCC. 9 am-4:30 pm, $75. Info/reg: Frames of Mind, 454-4412 or 653-7726.

Electric City queer TV show airs tonight & 2/10, 17 & 24 at 10 pm; and at 8 pm on 2/6, 13, 20 & 27 on SF cable channel 35. For program details call 861-7131.

Electric City Queer TV airs tonight, see 2/2.

Improvisational Bondage with a St Valentine's Day theme, part of QSM's artistic/educational series of programs for the s/m community. Participants get a mystery bag of materials, and that's all they can use to do their bondage. Cash prizes are awarded by audience vote. Heats at 1, 2:15 & 3:30 pm. Doors open at noon. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, if over 21. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. $7. Info: QSM 428-1321.

1991 Bay Area Raw Rahs Dance Exhibition/Cheerleading Squad holds its first practice/orientation. Newcomers who are interested in being part of the team are encouraged to attend. Noon-2 pm at Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St, SF. Studio 1. Info: Steve Burke 228-7497.

Gay/Lesbians of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science meet for potluck brunch/reception welcoming the new music director, Gregg Tallman. Noon. 1033 4th St, Santa Rosa. Info: AJ (707) 887-9855.

4 ■ MONDAY

Ballroom & Country Western Dance Lessons at Billy DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. 4-6 pm today and 2/17. Come drop-in! Info: Janeen (408) 374-1494.

HIV + Native Americans Support Group for American Indians/Alaskan Natives meets Mondays 5:30-7:30 pm starting today. Spons by the American Indian AIDS Institute. Facilitated "the Indian Way" by two highly trained facilitators. Don't miss your chance to be a link in our support chain! All Native men and women who are HIV + or have AIDS or ARC are welcome. 333 Valencia St #200, SF. Info: 626-7639.

Gay/Bisexual/Asian/Pacific Islander Closed Support Group for Men at Pacific Center. 8-wk group runs tonight thru 3/26. 6:30-8 pm, 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley. Tonight's mtg topic—"Intimacy Among Friends". All interested people must attend tonight's meeting. Info: 841-6224.

Bi-Friendly SF meets this evening for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals & bi-friendly straights & gays are welcome! 7 pm tonight & 2/11, 18 & 25.

Upstart Stage presents a staged reading of Claire Braz-Valentine's "When Will I Dance?" a poetic drama examining the metaphor of artist as woman, focusing on Mexican artist Frida Kahlo as she tries to cope with pain, creativity, sexuality & self-identification. Directed by Geoff Pyewell. 7:30 pm at Laval's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley.

The Aurora String Quartet in concert with Eliane Lust, pianist. Works by Ravel & Mozart. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $9.50 stdnts & srs. The Alliance Francaise, 1345 Bush St, SF. Info: 775-7755.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Comedy Improv "Main Event": Two teams come out of their corners battling to be the champion in these matches, where the winner, determined by the audience, goes on to play a new challenger the following week (see 2/18 & 25). 8 pm, $7-10. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's with emcee Danny Williams. 8:30 pm, $4. Performers sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm, 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs this morning and 2/11, 18 & 25 on Newark cable channel 6. For program details & other info call voicemail: (408) 920-1786.

KQED's Viewpoints Series features two short films by Bay Area video artist Lynn Hershman. *Shadow's Song* is a 9-month visual diary of the videomaker's reaction to being diagnosed with a brain tumor. *Desire, Inc* is an exploration of the media's effect on human desire, thru a dialogue about sexual motivation & fantasy with callers who responded to a personals ad she taped for local cable stations. 10:30 pm, KQED Channel 9.

5 ■ TUESDAY

Radical Women Mtg: focus on the greyhound strike. Guest speaker Janis Borchardt, vice president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1225, and actively involved in the Greyhound strike, discusses its current status and how to support the transportation workers. Dinner 6:45 pm ($5 donation), 7:30 pm mtg. 523A Valencia St nr 16th, SF. Info: 864-1278.

Male Piercings: discussion & demo by Jim Ward, owner of Gauntlet and publisher of *PFIQ* magazine for piercing enthusiasts. Jim discusses & demonstrates tit & genital piercings. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $12. Part of QSM's artistic & educational series of programs for the s/m community. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Men & women of all sexual orientations welcome; over 21 only. Info: QSM 428-1321.

"Changing Attitudes & Behaviors Through the Body," a talk by Joy S Johnston, certified acupressure therapist, reflexologist & massage, Reiki & flower essence therapist. 7 pm at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Home Care Companions: A Free Training for friends, lovers & family who are caring for people with AIDS & ARC. 5 wknight eves to help you cope—2/5-7, 11-12. Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, SF. Free, donations appreciated. Adv reg required. Couples & PWA/PWARCs welcome. Info/reg: Donna McCarthy 777-2273 or Celi Phillips, RN, ONC 824-3269.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Ministry of Light meets for a mini-workshop on lesbian love. Call 457-1115 for location. 7:30 pm.

National Book Award winner John Barth discusses his latest novel, *The Last Voyage of Somebody the Sailor*, "a exuberantly old-fashioned yarn, replete with colorful characters & epic adventures". 8 pm, Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Funny Gay Males continues at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, see 2/1 for details.

VS Naipaul reads from his new book, *India: A Million Mutinies Now*, at Herbst Theatre, SF, as part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" series. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info/tix: 552-3656.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force urgently needs volunteers to provide emotional support & practical help to people impacted by the AIDS epidemic. Training provided, sessions begin next month. For info/registration, call 932-AIDS.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Tonight's class is on Abundance & Marriage Godesses, including Habondia, Lakshmi, Yemaya, Hera & Juno. Meet each Goddess personally thru ritual & information sharing. Part of a series of weekly classes for women (see 2/12, 19 & 26) Beginners welcome! 8-10 pm, $60-100 SL fee for 5 remaining classes or $15-20 per class. Partial work exchange available. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & hypnotherapist, 652-6355.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs 10:30 pm tonight & 2/19 on San Jose cable 2B. Program features Darryl Alvarez & Lily Braindrop, producers of porno magazines for intellectuals, and the lesbian movie, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, also the monthly GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) report. Voicemail info line: (408) 920-1786.

"Callin' It As She Sees It": A Conversation with bell hooks, author of *Talking Back: thinking feminist, thinking black; Ain't I A Woman: Black Women & Feminism* and *Feminist Theory from Margin to Center*. bell hooks casts a critical eye at how race & gender images are manipulated in mass media & how racism and sexism are challenged or promoted. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr and the Black Heritage Month Committee of UCSF Black Caucus as part of Black Heritage Month celebrations. Noon-1 pm, free. Cole Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

6 ■ WEDNESDAY

The Angel That Stands By Me. Allie Light & Irving Saraf's study of Minnie Evans, Black visionary artist/painter from North Carolina; and *Mother of God*, Scott Guitteau's portrait of his 96 year old grandmother, a modern day saint with frank & wonderfully naive philosophies and fears of ominous things—screening part of Film Arts Foundation's First Wednesday film series at DeYoung Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. 1:30 pm, $5. Info/res: 552-8760.

"Discovery" A Men's Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:15 pm today & 2/20. Today's topic: "Falling in Love," 2/20: "Older Men & Younger Men Together". Group led by George Birimisa. 333 Turk St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 626-7000.

Shanti Volunteer Opportunity Night: An eve for people interested in becoming a Shanti volunteer or volunteering in other AIDS groups. For info call Mike or Jennifer 777-2273.

Bondage Buddies: Fun play nite for guys who want to explore bondage. Info/location: 292-3228.

Bi-Friendly UC support group & social tonight 6:30-8:30 pm on the Berkeley campus, ASUC Bldg Douglas Fir Room, 4th floor. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community (and all "university-identified" people) are welcome! Tonight & 2/20 & 27. For info call Mark 549-2238 or Betsy 845-7441.

A Different Breed group for parents meets—see Kidsbox for details.

Lost Feminists Social Group 2-Steps at the Rawhide. Come find out about this group of "younger" lesbians who are open to all wimmin & especially wimmin new to the Bay Area. Focus is on building feminist community thru tolerance of diversity. Meets bimonthly

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Lesbian Mothers/Persian Gulf Crisis: Lesbian mothers of sons or daughters serving in the armed services in the Persian Gulf get together for support & talk. Gay fathers are welcome. Info: Nancy 239-5692.

A Different Breed social/support group for parents who identify outside the mainstream (bisexual, lesbian, gay, transsexual, leather, etc) meet 7-9 pm on 2/6. Call Susan 524-0574 for info/location.

Lesbian/Gay Parents Group of Ministry of Light meets this month, call 457-1115 for date & location. $2 fee per family. Childcare provided.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group for ages 14-21 meets 2/7, 14, 21. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for new visitors. 7-9 pm group time. Info: 457-1115.

Plum City Players: Songs & Stories for Children and their families—2/9 features the Magic Window Puppet Theatre; Linda Zittel and her lively characters in a morning of songs, stories & puppets. 2/23—Grupo Colibri; group brings armloads of marracas, charangas, bombas and other traditional Latin American instruments to accompany their lively voices. Show is in Spanish & English, includes plenty of sing-a-long, clap-along, move-along participation. Both shows 10:30 am, $2 kids, $3 grownups. La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

SF Recycling Program spons Jack Golden, formerly of Pickle Family Circus, also known as Dr T, the Trashologist, in a series of performances designed to teach kids the importance of recycling. Dr T performs at various elementary schools in SF thru April, for a schedule, or to arrange a performance, call Michele 584-9706 or Maria 554-6181.

SF Recycling Program

Art After School Program Spons by DeYoung Museum: New session of creative classes for students ages 4-15. Meets weekly for 7 consecutive weeks beginning 2/6. Inspired by the museum's permanent collection, each class offers in-depth exploration of a subject or artistic medium for students of all ability levels. "Pee Wee Art" for preschoolers ages 4-6 meets Thurs, 3:45-5 pm. "Explorations in Sculpture & Painting" for primary students ages 6-9 meets Sat, 1-2:30 pm. "Drawing with Pastels" for ages 7-9 meets Fri, 3:45-5 pm. "Drawing Fundamentals" for ages 10-13 meets Sat, 2:30-4 pm. "Places, Rooms, Interiors: Miniature Environments" for ages 10-14 meets Wed, 3:45-5 pm. "Personal Expression in Art" for ages 11-15 meets Sat 10 am-noon. Fees $50-75, includes cost of all materials. Class enrollment limited, adv reg required. Call 750-3638 for info/reg. Golden Gate Park, SF.

Dinosaurs '91! Exhibit at Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science features giant interacting robotic dinosaurs. Exhibit uses the latest scientific info to show what life might have been like millions of years ago, from dinosaur families to dinosaur battles. Opens 2/2 with appearances by KGO TV personalities, a simulated KGO radio broadcast just for kids, free Mother's Cookies, dino-art activities, and giant animated dinosaurs! Hrs: Daily, 10 am-4:30 pm, $4 gen'l, $3 kids 7-18, srs & stdnts, $2 kids 3-6. Group & school reservation rates by reservation only, call 642-5133 for details. UC Berkeley campus.

New Conservatory Children's Theatre Company & School has limited space available in the expanded curriculum of its professional theatre arts training program, running 3/2-5/19. For all skill levels, ages 4-19. "Just Imagine" for 4-5 year olds, "Young Actors Workshop" for ages 10-12, and "Acting Workshop," "Musical Theatre" and "Performance Techniques" for ages 12-19. Scholarships & installment payment plans available. For free brochure & other info call New Conservatory 861-4914.

Broadway Memories, a musical tribute to Broadway showtunes from the 1930's thru 1980's, runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm thru 2/10 at the Zephyr Theatre complex, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-4915.

for discussions & outings, (see 2/27) for more info contact Lisa 647-3444. Folsom & Howard, SF.

SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg/Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, on Collingwood nr 18th (behind Cala Market, 1 block from Castro St), SF. Jim Gordon shows slides of his trek in Nepal, from Kathmandu to Junbeli.

Women's Video Showcase at La Pena: Features videos produced or directed by Bay Area women. Includes Sheila Ryan & Carol Goldberg's "Together Not Together" about lesbian relationships; Nicole Barens' "Penumbra", a black & white dance piece; Florence Yoo's "Florence's March" about a woman's search for the meaning of love; "Focus on Molly" about an autistic girl's view of her world, and "Women of Gold" about the Asian/Pacific women who participated in Celebration '90 by Eileen Lee & Marilyn Abbink. 7:30 pm, $5-10. La Pena Cultural Ctr, Berkeley.

Electric City Queer TV—see 2/3.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/1 listing for details.

Marin BACW Planning Mtg: Call Carol 883-5444 for info/location.

At DNA Lounge tonight: *The Ohio Players*. 11th & Harrison, SF. 9 pm.

Comedy at El Rio with Marga Gomez, Teresa Holcomb, Scott Capurro and Mike Lee. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Electric City Queer TV airs at 9:30 pm on Berkeley cable channel 29 and cable channel 49 in Oakland & Piedmont. For program details call 861-7131.

Shanti Training for AIDS Caregivers: If you are taking care of a friend, lover or family member with AIDS, Shanti Project & Home Care Companions offer free training in home care skills, organizing a network of caregivers to provide around-the-clock care, & coping with the challenges of dementia. Today thru 2/8, 2/11 & 12. Info: Jana Rickerson 777-2273 or Celi Phillips 824-3269.

"Yan Can Cook", cooking demo by Martin Yan, host of KQED's "Yan Can Cook" program, and author of *A Wok for All Seasons*. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag Lecture Series. UCSF Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-4394.

7 ■ THURSDAY

Bernardo Bertolucci's *1900* screens at Castro Theatre. The completely restored, uncut version runs thru 2/7. Castro nr Market, SF.

Artists' Projects Grants Wkshop: Workshop on the guidelines for the 1991 Artists' Project Grants Program, for individual artists and groups of artists working in interdisciplinary and collaborative art forms. Hosted by New Langton Arts. Staff members discuss the application & jury process, along with the newly-imposed restrictions on the grant, and what that means in terms of artists, projects and funding (the application deadline is 3/2). 6 pm, New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group for youth ages 14-21, meets tonight & 2/14 & 21. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for new visitors, 7-9 pm group time. For more info/location: 457-1115.

Gay Men's Sketch: drop-in, male nude figure drawing group for all skill levels. February features African-American models in honor of Black History month. Tonight artist/bodybuilder Stan Stone models. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 544-1136.

Another Mother Tongue: Envisioning Queer Culture—a class for lesbians, gay men & bisexuals. Trace the threads of myth, sacred history, hidden history, which underlie our culture. Weave a sense of mythic consciousness, a place from which to see yourself and to be seen. Taught by artist Rose Frances, with guest wisewoman Judy Grahn, poet & author of *Another Mother Tongue*. 7-9:30 pm, $12 per class (12 classes total, beginning today) Info/reg: 776-4008. Spons by Lavender Rose Women's Arts & Mystery School.

Building A United Feminist Alliance Within the Peace Movement: Dissatisfied with the male-dominated peace movement? Feel your feminist perspectives are invisible in the anti-war effort? Attend tonight's planning mtg and help create a multi-cultural diverse coalition of women who want to make our voices heard for peace in the Gulf & worldwide thru a woman-centered feminist coalition. Called by Lesbian Uprising. For all women, only women. Info/location 441-6238.

Lesbian Love: mini sex, love & intimacy wkshop offered by Debra Rein & Sonika Tinker. 7 pm, $15. Discover how to deepen your relationships with the women in your life, lovers & friends, in this experiential mini-wkshop at ClaireLight Women's Books, 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info:

Alix Dobkin is at Josie's this month. Feb 16.

(707) 575-8879.

Breath Control Class with JC Collins. Part of QSM's series of educational/artistic programs for the s/m community. After discussing safety, JC demonstrates a range of techniques. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $12. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Diane Middlebrook, whose biography of poet Anne Sexton (1928-1974) will be published in August, speaks on "Finding the Story in a Life: The Art of Biography" at 7:30 pm at Palo Alto Cultural Center, part of Stanford University's "Town Meets Gown: A Stanford Centennial year Lecture Series". Free. Info: 725-1991.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author, speaks on "Changing Fears & Guilts into Forgiveness". 8 pm, $8 donation, $5 srs & stdnts. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

Urban-historian Mike Davis discusses his new book, *City of Quartz: Excavating the Future in LA*, an explosive exploration of the economic, political & social landscape of LA. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Funny Gay Males continues at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/1 listing for details.

HIV Lecture Series: monthly series of lectures spons by Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr begins tonight. 8 pm, $10. Reservations requested. 1748 Market St, SF. Classroom B. Info: 861-4964.

A Queer Exchange: A spoken word performance event at 1800 Square Feet, part of 1800's "Staying on Track" performance series which focuses on work that is primarily text-based and socially conscious. "Program A" runs tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm and features Wendell Jones & Daniel McVey in a whirlwind tour of queer America from the public bathrooms of Salt Lake City to the sissy scooters of LA. $4-8 SL fee. Info/res: 773-8706. 719 Clementina, at Folsom/Howard, 8th & 9th.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs 8:30 pm on Mountain View cable channel 30. Tonight & 2/14, 21 & 28. For program details & other info call voicemail: (408) 920-1786.

Shanti Courage to Care Training: 2-day (today & tmw) interactive seminar offering personal & professional growth in AIDS caregiving. Info: Jana Rickerson 777-2273.

8 ■ FRIDAY

SF's Lavender Sweep Honored at a reception with Roberta Achtenberg, Carole Migden & Tom Ammiano. Spons by the National Lawyers Guild's AIDS Network. 5:30-7:30 pm at Cullum & Sena, 45 Polk St at Market, SF. $10-50 SL. RSVP 824-8884.

Southbay TGIF presented by Southbay BACW (Bay Area Career Women). 5:30-9 pm, tonight and 2/22. $4. Club St John, 170 W St John, San Jose.

Lesbian Intros—see 2/1.

Absolutely Positive premieres at the Castro Theatre. An intimate look at people living with the HIV virus, by Bay Area filmmakers Peter Adair, Janet Cole & Veronica Selver. Film documents how 11 men & women (chosen from 120 interviewees) of all ages, races & sexual orientations cope with being seropositive. 6:30 pm reception with the filmmakers, followed by 8 pm screening. Tix for reception & screening, $35, for film alone, $10. 429 Castro St, SF. Proceeds benefit the UCSF AIDS Health Project. Film plays at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF, 2/9-14; and at the Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley, on 2/14.

Wrapping, Rocking/A Dinner Performance by Frank Moore at Smokey Joe's Cafe, 1620 Shattuck nr Cedar, Berkeley. Dinner only: 7 pm, $12, dinner & performance: 7 pm, $17, performance only: 9:30 pm, $7. Bring mats or pillows for seating during performance. Reservations highly recommended, call Linda 526-7858 for info/res.

Girth & Mirth Club of SF Annual Valentine's Day Potluck Dinner Party: 7 pm at 176 Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.

Psychotherapy as Sacred Ground lecture/wkshop with Stephen Schoen looks at therapeutic attitude & method in relation to the philosophies of Martin Buber, Lao-Tzu, Krishnamurti and Gregory Bateson. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-4 pm tmw, 10 am-1 pm 2/10. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs 7:30 pm on cable 30 in Cupertino & Los Altos, tonight & 2/22. For program details & other info call voicemail info line: (408) 920-1786.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: SDiane Bogus, poet, author, publisher & scholar, gives a short reading of her newest work, *Chant of the Women of Magdalena*, followed by questions & booksigning. 7:30-9 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Pat Bond Memorial Benefit: With comics Karen Ripley & Karen Williams, playwright & solo performer Terry Baum, and musicians Teresa Chandler, and Suzanne Cimone. 8 pm, $5-10. Women only. All proceeds benefit the Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award. Reservations suggested. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Ferron in concert at Berkeley Community Theatre tonight. 8 pm.

New & Experimental Music for the oboe with Joseph Celli in concert at New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 626-5416.

Old First Concerts continues at Old First Church with Jon Nakamatsu, piano. This 22 yr old pianist won First Prize in the 1990 New York Chopin Competition & was a 1989 Joanna Hodges Competition winner. Program includes works by Beethoven, Chopin, Schumann & Stravinsky. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret: 8 & 10 pm, see 2/1 listing for details.

Dawn Upshaw, soprano, gifted young singer and winner of the 1990 Grammy award for Classical Vocal Solo, in concert at Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. 8 pm, $22. James Levine at the piano. Info/res: Cal Performances 642-9988.

A Queer Exchange at 1800 Square Feet, see 2/7 listing for details.

Women's Cross-Country Ski Trip to Tahoe-Donner—see 2/1 listing for details.

Ronnie Dawson at DNA Lounge tonight: 11th & Harrison, SF. 9 pm.

Spoken Word Savages Series continues at Cafe Beano with "American Cruisers" with Alan Kaufman & NYC poet Ken DiMaggio. 10 pm, $3. 878 Valencia St bwtn 19th & 20th. Info: 558-8112.

Reception for *Positive News*, SF AIDS Foundation's new multilingual newsletter providing up-to-date information for people who are HIV positive. The newsletter will be printed quarterly in Chinese, English, Filipino & Spanish. 11:30 am, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 863-AIDS.

9 ■ SATURDAY

5 Mile Hike & Pizza with Marin BACW. 3 pm. Meet at Tennessee Valley trailhead for a moderate parcel hike, followed by pizza at Gatsby's in Sausalito. Dress warm, bring water. Rain cancels. Info: Mary 892-1207.

"Ex-Gay? No Way!" a talk by Michael Bussey & Gary Cooper, the two founders of Exodus, the largest "ex-gay" group in the world. Bussey & Cooper, who are now lovers, tell their experiences of the tragedy and destruction resulting from the work of these "ex-gay" groups, and tell of God's love & acceptance of lesbian & gay people. Free dinner, followed by talk. 6 pm. Donations are welcome. RSVP: 861-0593. 1600 Clay St (two blocks east of Van Ness Ave), SF.

3rd Annual Apex Awards for Excellence in Gay/Lesbian Sports: Awards recognize athletes in the sports of bad-

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FEBRUARY EVENTS 1991

February 4. Monday. 8:00 P.M.

Uta Ranke-Heinemann

Dr. Uta Ranke-Heinemann, the first woman int he world to hold a chair in Catholic theology, will discuss **Eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven: Women, Sexuality and the Catholic Church**,already a bestseller in her native Germany, Italy, England and France. Her book provides a scathing portrait of the Cathoic Church's historic intolerance toward women, marriage and all things sexual. "A formidable book... a relentless polemic backed by enormous erudition."—Anthony Purgess, *The Observer*.

February 7. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Mike Davis

Urban-historian Mike Davis will discuss his new book, **City of Quartz: Excavating the Future in L.A.**, an explosive exploration of the economic, political, and social landscape of Los Angeles. In **City of Quartz**, Mike Davis combines the rigor of a cultural theorist and historian with the hard-boiled clarity of a Phillip Marlowe or a Jake Gittis. Davis uncovers extraordinary tales of greed, power, and prejudice in a landscape that ranges from the urban California desert to the gold coast of Malibu.

February 10. Sunday. 2:00 P.M.

Katherine Henderson

Katherine Henderson will sign and discuss **Inter/View: Talks With America's Writing Women**, which she co-authored with Mickey Pearlman. This is the first collection of interviews conducted exclusively by women, interviews with women writing fiction in America today. **Inter/View** offers a forum to writers who represent a wide range of race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual preference, marital status, age, geography and lifestyle. Some of the writers interviewed include Amy Tan, Joyce Carol Oates, Kate Braverman, Louise Erdrich and Marge Piercey.

February 11. Monday. 8:00 P.M.

Susan Schaller

Berkeley sign language interpreter Susan Schaller will discuss **A Man Without Words**, her compelling account of one man's journey into the world of language. Schaller discovered Ildefonso, a twenty-seven year old Mexican Indian, in a community college classroom. Born deaf, Ildefonso had never been taught, and was without language of any kind. Schaller was determined to teach him. "A beautiful and meticulous study of a languageless man and of Schaller's patient, dedicated and brilliantly conceived efforts to make contact with him and introduce him to language."—OLiver Sacks

February 13. Wednesday. 8:00 P.M.

Itabari Njeri

Award-winning Los Angeles Times reported Itabari Njeri will be discussing her highly acclaimed memoirs, **Every Good-bye Ain't Gone: Family Portraits and Personal Escapades**. Njeri shares the private tales of three generations, whose origins she traces from Guyana, the West Indies, Africa, England, and France. "Njeri is quintessentially her own woman: outraged, tender, and slyly funny in unpredictable turns...she offers a remarkable story of a family inextricably affected by a hostile society, and that of a family's gradual awakening."—Kirkus Reviews

February 15. Friday. 8:00 P.M.

Frank Chin

It is Chinese New Year in San Francisco, and twelve-year-old Donald Duk would rather be Fred Astaire than the son of a Chinatown restauranteur. Come celebrate the Year of the Sheep, Chinese New Year 1991, with controversial playwright Frank Chin, who will read and sign his hilarious first movel, **Donald Duk**. "Frank Chin's unique literary recipe—red-hot chop suey laced with laughing powder and amphetamines—makes most so-called 'modern' writing look old-fashioned, chauvinistic and tedious."—Tom Robbins

February 17. Sunday. 2:00 P.M.

Yellow Silk

Lily Pond, founder of the revolutionary magazine **Yellow Silk: Journal of the Erotic Arts**, and Richard Russo, author of **Dreams Are Wiser Than Man**, will read and discuss **Yellow Silk: Erotic Arts and Letters**, a compendium of the best poems, short stories, essays and art work from **Yellow Silk's** first eight years. **Yellow Silk** has been praised for treating men, women, and human sexuality with love, respect and dignity, and features the work of writers such as Gary Solo, William Kotzwinkle, Marge Piercy and Ntozake Shange. Co-editors Pond and Russo will be joined by contributors Jane Hirschfield, Dorianne Lux, and Ivan Arguelles.

February 21. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Claudio Naranjo

Psychiatrist Claudio Naranjo will discuss his new book **Ennea-Type Structures: Self-Analysis for the Seeker**. Claudio Naranjo was the first psychiatrist to use the insights of the Enneagram personality types in therapy and research. This book presents Naranjo's penetrating and brilliant insights into the universality of the Enneagram as a tool for psychological self-exploration. "...I consider [Naranjo] to be the premier teacher of this particular scientific tool for the study of consciousness."—John C. Lilly, M.D. author of *Center of the Cyclone* and *The Deep Self*.

February 26. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.

Mary Gaitskill

Mary Gaitskill, author of the highly acclaimed short story collection **Bad Behavior**, will read from her first novel, **Two Girls Fat and Thin**. At once searingly candid and profoundly compassionate, her controversial novel is a probing exploration of the dark side of the modern female psyche. "A thoughtful and eloquent psychological profile of two strangely connected lives...Her fine and disturbing novel is...a stunning work of the imagination: genuine and luminous."—The Kirkus Reviews

February 28. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Douglas Adams

Douglas Adams, author of **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**, has taken us to the end of the universe and back. In his first nonfiction book, **Last Chance to See**, Adams recounts a real voyage as fantastic as any in his imagination, a journey he made in 1988 with zoologist Mark Carwardine in search of exotic endangered species. **Last Chance to See** is the trip of a lifetime, hilarious, poignant, a treat for Douglas Adams fans and a joy for anyone interested in the beauty and variety of Earth's endangered wildlife.

March 1. Friday. 8:00 P.M.

Isabel Allende

Isabel Allende, the celebrated Chilean author of **House of Spirits** and **Of Love and Shadows**, will read and sign her newest book, **The Stories of Eva Luna**. Allende has assembled a collection of twenty-three vibrant and enchanting tales told by one of her best loved creations, The Latin American Scheherazade, Eva Luna. **The Stories of Eva Luna** confirms the storytelling mastery of both Eva Luna and Allende.

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Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) monthly potluck: 7 pm at Henri & Linda's house in San Jose. Info: (408) 246-1117.

Absolutely Positive, an intimate look at people living with the HIV virus, see 2/8.

Gay Men's Relationship Mixer: Ready for a relationship with another man? Attend tonight's mixer—a comfortable way to meet other quality men thru small group discussions & personal sharing. Social Hour follows. Doors open at 7:15 pm, mixer begins at 7:30. $5. MCC-SF Social Hall, 150 Eureka St (3 blocks west of Castro, btwn 18th & 19th), SF. Info: Partners Institute 343-8541.

Lewitzky Dance Co with Richard Stoltzman, clarinet. 8 pm, $18 $15 & $11 at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.

June and Jean Milingston perform at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Bay Area Women's Philharmonic Concert features vocalist Joan La Barbara, "reigning vocal diva of the avant-garde" and trombonist Ava Ordman. Guest conductor Catherine Comet. 8 pm, $17. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, SF. Free childcare with reservation. For mini-season tix call 543-2297, for single tix call 552-3656. Tix available thru STBS & BASS. Discounts available for stdnts, srs & the disabled.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret, 8 & 10 pm—see 2/1 listing for details.

Bones, '91, an evening concert of new music performed by local composers Eric Bergkvist, Janis Mercer, Valerie Morris, Gila Rayberg & others. 8:30 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info: 824-5044.

A Queer Exchange: A spoken word performance event at 1800 Square Feet, part of 1800's "Staying on Track" performance series which focuses on work that is primarily text-based and socially conscious. Program B runs tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm featuring work by Luis Alfaro, Robin Podolsky & Doug Sadownick. Tix $4-8 SL. 719 Clementina, at Folsom/Howard, 8th/9th, SF. Info/res: 773-8706.

Shanti Emotional Support Volunteer Training: 2 wkend (2/9 & 10, 16 & 17) training for new volunteers who want to provide peer support services to people with AIDS & people affected by AIDS. Info: Mike & Jennifer 777-2273.

Female Entrepreneurship Wkshop facilitated by Martha McGinnis. Covers the motivation & preparation needed for moving into & running a business. Topics include: self-knowledge, business acumen, marketplace knowledge, customer targeting, positive energy maintenance, self-discipline and coping with loneliness/isolation. McGinnis is publisher of *Northern California Women Magazine* & *Bay Area Women's Resource Guide* and is a marketing consultant to small businesses. 9 am-3 pm, $20-45 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836 for info/reg.

NY Baroque Dance Co and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra pay tribute to the Mozart Bicentennial with two concerts: 8 pm tonight and 2:30 pm tomorrow at Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University. Co-spons by The Lively Arts at Stanford and SF Performances. Tix $26 gen'l, $24 stdnts. Info: 725-ARTS.

Sex & Love Addiction: 1-day class focusing on up-to-date info on compulsive sexual behavior, love vs addiction, intimacy & the addictive personality. Topics include the nature of sex addiction, the addictive cycle, the acts of sex addiction, belief system of the addict, living with a sex addict, codependent roles & ractions, and treatment of sex addiction. Class also examines the impact of 12 step groups on treatment for sex & love addiction. 9 am-5 pm. West Coast Institute of Addiction Studies. BRN & CADAC CE credit available. Class may also be used as an elective in the addiction studies certificate program at West Coast Institute. Taught by Genevieve Howe, MS, MFCC. For fee, registration & more info call 585-5212.

Lafayette-Moraga Trail/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Rte 24 East to Pleasant Hill Rd exit. Go South on Pleasant Hill Rd to intersection of Pleasant Hill & Olympic Blvd. Turn right on Olympic. Meet 9:30 am in first parking lot on right. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

"Global Riot"—queer copmedy improv in the Studio at Theatre Rhino. Onstage has all the dirt.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a one-day seminar spons by Options Institute & taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. $60. SF location. Info: 821-1015.

LEGACY Center, the Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr of Sonoma County, holds their monthly organizational mtg (2nd Sat of every month) today at 10 am in Santa Rosa. For info call 526-0442.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. Emcee Mario Mondelli and comics Danny Williams, Monica Grant & Dan Morgan. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio tonight: *Spot 1019, The Muskrats* and *Less Is More*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

"Seeking Love Successfully Through the Personals: Everything You Need to Know", a 2-hour course in using the personals. 10:30 am at the Language Studies Institute, 2015 Center, Berkeley. Info: 548-2792.

Corona Heights Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Walks introduce wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Learn the basics of holistic healing. Meet at noon at Roosevelt Way & Museum Way, near Randall Junior Museum. Dress warmly. Info: Adam Seller 845-4028.

10 SUNDAY

Gay Men's Sketch Open Stage: GMS invites the community to come pose and get drawn for Valentine's Day. Nudity not necessary. Free, $12 for sketchers. 1-4 pm. 1229 Folsom St. SF. Info: 544-1136.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Women's Brunch: a fun way to meet your sister conservationists & learn about upcoming GLS events. Usually attended by 20-30 women. Homemade dishes appreciated. For time & location call Kay 337-0281.

Valentine's Day Party for People with AIDS, spons by Shanti Project. Annual Valentine's Day party for people with AIDS & their guests, a chance to meet other PWAs in a social setting. 1:30-4:30 pm at Kairos House, 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: Joe Lane 777-2273.

Katherine Henderson signs & discusses her book (co-authored by Mickey Pearlman), *Inter/View: Talks With America's Writing Women*, a collection of interviews conducted exclusively by women, interviews with women writing fiction in America today. 2 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Rosa Montoya's Dance School Annual Concert of Spanish flamenco dance & music. 2 pm, $10. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: 931-7374.

Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame 1991 Film/Lecture Series continues with "Partners in Production", a program focused on the film production and movie-making in general. Screening of Charles Burnett film, *To Sleep With Anger*. Panel discussion moderated by Bay Area filmmaker Carol Lawrence. Panelists include composer Stephen James Taylor and film editor Lisa Fruchman. 2-5 pm, $3. 1000 Oak St, downtown Oakland. Info: 465-0804.

The English Concert, famed British chamber orchestra with Trevor Pinnock, 3 pm, $25, $20, $14 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Program: Works by Purcell, Avison, Vivaldi & Bach. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.

Free Evensong Recital at Grace Cathedral with flutist Susan Day & organist Craig Cansler. Concert follows the 3:30 pm Evensong service. 1051 Taylor St, SF. Info: 749-6309.

Crysanthemum Ragtime Band: 10-piece ragtime band plays the pop music of 1890-1920, featuring the music of Berlin, Kern, Joplin & Sousa. 4 pm, $6 gen'l, $5 srs. Part of the Sunday Afternoon Music Series at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. 1853 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Mardi Gras Party at El Rio with John Dilao & *Tropical Breeze*. Costumes welcome! 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MusicSources Theatre Arts series continues with the world premiere of "Robinson Jeffers", a dramatization of a major Jeffers narrative poem staged & directed by Ken Grantham. 5 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: 528-1685.

Slides & Stories from Women-to-Women Peace Brigade to Palestine & Israel, see 2/3 listing for details.

Valentine Week Reading I: A "stunning & delicious" reading of poetry & prose from a new anthology drawn from the erotic journal *Yellow Silk*. Readers include Gary Soto, Arlene Stone, Donald Rawley, Roberta Wirdinger, Carolyn Miller and Cerridwyn Fallingstar. 7 pm. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Performers, Light & Sound Women needed for Performance Night & Whiptail Lizard, a wimmin-only dyke space, see 2/1.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm. See 2/1 listing for details.

The Great SF Condom Caper: Stop AIDS Project sends carloads of rubber-crazed people thru the streets of SF today in search of hidden condoms. The first team to find all the condoms wins. Domestic partners receive a discount! All proceeds benefit the STOP AIDS Project, a street-based AIDS prevention program. Call the Project at 621-7177 for tix info & event details.

Montara Mtn Hike with SF Hiking Club. Moderate-to-strenuous 7-mile hike on the southwest slope of Montara Mountain. Steady, gradual ascent from sea level to the top of the mountain. Elevation gain 1850 ft. Excellent views if the weather is clear. Driving distance: 60 miles, cost per car is $6 (to be divided among passengers). Rain cancels. Meet 10 am under the Big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF.

Electric City Queer TV—see 2/3.

Women's Day Trip to the Calif Academy of Sciences, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). $1.50 senior admission. Lunch at the cafeteria. Also visit Strybing Arboretum (free) or the Conservatory of Flowers ($1). Meet 11:30 am at the entrance to the Japanese Tea Garden. Info: 626-7000.

Men's Potluck Brunch for Gay Men over 60. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm, bring a dish to share. Includes after-brunch entertainment—Jack Spratt's "One Man Show". Bring your original handmade Valentine, or make one there—the best one gets a prize! Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Burning & Branding: lecture/demo by Fakir Musafar. Part of QSM's artistic/educational series of programs for the s/m community. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm, $12. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison at 9th St, SF. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Walk is an intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Learn the basics of holistic healing. Noon today & 2/17 & 24. $5-11 SL. Meet at the Strawberry Canyon Fire Trail head, below UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens, on Centennial Drive. For info/directions: Adam Seller 845-4028.

Addiction Awareness for Leather People: Seminar presented by Int'l Ms & Mr Leather 90, Gabrielle Antolovich & Mark Ryan. Topics include: dealing with chemical dependency in the s/m and leather community; directions for pro-leather recovery services & 12-step groups; getting hooked on our s/m play, roles, fantasies & titles; the intoxication of power in relationships & community politics; dealing with the nature of addiction in all its forms (eating disorders, sexual compulsivity, codependency, love addiction, debting, etc); creating that safe, sane & consensual community. 12:30-4:30 pm, $10-20 SL fee (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Gabrielle Antolovich, PO Box 352, Saratoga, CA 95071 (this is not an IMsL (Int'l Ms Leather) Fundraiser).

11 MONDAY

Reading & Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF. Potluck supper, followed by discussion of Ann Cameron's *Daughters of Copper Woman*. Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 2/4.

Valentine's Social Mixer RSVP Deadline—see 2/16 listing for details.

A Man Without Words—Berkeley sign language interpreter Susan' Schaller discusses her work, a compelling account of a man's journey into the world of language. Schaller's book relates her attempts to teach Ildefonso, a 27-year-old Mexican Indian who was born deaf and never learned language of any kind. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Sinfonia SF Orchestra presents an evening concert dedicated entirely to the music of Kurt Weill. 8 pm, $13-33, discounts for groups, stdnts & srs. Herbst Theatre, SF. Info/res: 552-3656. Tix at STBS Union Square & Embarcadero Ctr.

All-Star Formal Night for Lovers: An elegant eve of comedy improv with a romantic theme, featuring BATS All-Star Players, directed by Richard Dupell. Guests are encouraged to dress, prizes will be awarded. Black tie optional. 8 pm, $7-10. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Danny Williams. 8:30 pm, $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm—861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs this morning in Newark, see 2/4 listing for details.

12 TUESDAY

Valentine's Day Bake Sale spons by Radical Women. Get cookies, cakes, pies & other taste-tempting delicacies for yourself & the sweeties in your life! Info: 864-1278.

1991 GGBA Board of Directors Installation at the Bay One Cafe, 900 North Point St, SF. 6 pm: cocktails, food & Maggie Page at the piano. 7 pm: installation of 1991 Board & member service awards. 7:15-10 pm: Party! 8:30 pm raffle drawing. Tix $12. Info/res: Golden Gate Business Assoc 441-3651.

"For Men Only—A Look At Male Initiation," talk by Rev Edmond Boles, co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Tonight's class is on Societal Goddesses including Athena, Minerva, Maat, the Muses, the Fates, Sophia & Hokhrha. 8-10 pm, $15-20. Part of a series of weekly classes for women, see 2/5 listing for more details. Info: 652-6355.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm. See 2/1 for details.

Open Mike at El Rio with George Aldridge & Michael Stanton. 9 pm-midnight, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Down with US Macho: Women's Vigil Against Violence Against Women. Noon-1 pm. Street theater. Wear black & purple if you can. Gather at corner of Stockton & Geary Sts, SF. Info: SF—Laura 626-7821, EB—Ruth 644-0480, or just show up.

13 WEDNESDAY

Silverado String Quartet in concert at SF City College's College Theatre. 1-2 pm, free. 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Barbara Riccardi, violinist; John Konigsmark, violinist; Joanna Hervig, violist; Ruth Steinon, cellist. Info: 239-3580.

Frameline's Best of Festival Series continues with a double bill of films from Hungary & Brazil. *Another Way*, set in Hungary following the 1956 uprising, tells the story of the development of a relationship between Eva, an uncompromising lesbian journalist from the provinces, and Livia, a beautiful & restless journalist unhappily married to an Army officer. Also *Vera*, a bold film about a girl who struggles to find her way in a hostile world. Vera, an orphan, spends her youth in a boarding school where she begins to develop a masculine personality that she imposes on other girls, when she leaves school she befriends a co-worker who likes her but cannot understand her need to dress & act like a man. *Another Way* screens at 3:05 & 7 pm, *Vera* screens at 1:15, 5:10 & 9 pm. Castro Theatre, SF.

Bi-Friendly UC support group and social, see 2/6 listing for details.

Playing on the Edge: class by Carol Kleinmaier, experienced group facilitator. Part of QSM's educational/artistic series of programs for the s/m community. This class is for experienced s/m players only—discuss what happens when you break thru limits & when you play with intense & scary energies. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $10. 1354 Harrison at 9th St, SF. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret,, see 2/1 listing for details.

Electric City Queer TV—see 2/3.

Isabel Allende, Chilean novelist, discusses "About Love" at Herbst Theatre, SF. 8 pm, $12 & $14. Part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" series. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Tix/info: 552-3656.

Photo by Ariel Jones

Lea Delaria's back with "Lesbo-a-gogo." Feb 20-24.

Every Goodbye Ain't Gone: *Family Portraits & Personal Escapades*: Award-winning *LA Times* reporter Itabari Njeri discusses her highly acclaimed memoirs, an account of the private tales of 3 generations, whose origins she traces from Guyana, the West Indies, Africa, England & France. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Faint of Heart: Gay Guy/Girl Night brought to you by the makers of Female Trouble, Evol, and Rock & Roll Queer Bar. Premiere eve features dj's Don Baird and John Ginoli spinning hard-driving, balls-to-the-wall alternative rock & roll for those with "a discerning ear & adventurous spirit". 18 and over. 9 pm-3 am, Lipps Underground, 205 9th St at Howard, SF.

Comedy at El Rio with Danny Williams, Karen Ripley, Sister Woman and Lisa Geduldig. 9 pm, $5. 3185 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Electric City Queer TV airs tonight in the Eastbay, see 2/6 listing for details.

"Can Lifestyle Changes Reverse Heart Disease?" talk by Dean Ornish, MD, asst clinical professor of medicine at UCSF & director of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag Lecture Series. UCSF Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-4394.

14 THURSDAY

13th Annual National Condom Week: Oakland's Condom Resource Center kicks off Nat'l Condom Week today, on Valentine's Day. For info on programs/festivities call Daniel Bao 891-0455.

Bodybuilding Buddy Program for persons with AIDS & ARC. Gold medal winners Neil Nabbefeld & Dianne Aaronson speak on the new Bodybuilding Buddy program spons by the Shanti Project, Arcadia Bodybuilding Society, and the Central YMCA. Info: Joe Lane at Shanti 777-2273.

Day at the Matinee for Older Lesbians & Friends, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Call Joan Atkinson for details, 641-0862.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Meets tonight & 2/28 at 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

United in Love/A Valentine's Day Party at First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary Sts, SF. A fundraiser for BWMT/GLAAD (Black & White Men Together/Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation).A fun-filled eve of comedy, with catered buffet & no-host bar; featuring comic Tom Ammiano. 6-10 pm, $25 gen'l, $15 low-income in adv, $30 gen'l, $20 low-income at door. Tax deductible. Send checks to GLAAD/SFBA, 347 Dolores St #312, SF 94110. Specify "United in Love Benefit" on your check. Info: Paul Ellison, BWMT, 826-2968 or Peter Stalder, GLAAD, 861-4588.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group mtg—see 2/7.

A memorial Benefit for Pat Bond at Mama Bears, Feb. 8.

Another Mother Tongue: Envisioning Queer Culture class—see 2/7 listing for details.
Gay Men's Sketch: drop-in male nude figure drawing group for all skill levels. February features African-American models in honor of Black History month. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 544-1136.
Absolutely Positive, an intimate look at people living with the HIV virus, screens at Pacific Film Archive, see 2/8 listing for details.
"Technology & Culture: A Historical Romance," talk by Barry Katz, Stanford senior lecturer in the Values, Technology, Science & Society program. 7:30 pm, free. Palo Alto Cultural Ctr. Part of Stanford University's "Town Meets Gown: A Stanford Centennial Year Lecture Series". Info: 725-1991.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation in a private room at Anna's, 6420 Shattuck, Berkeley (Ashby BART Station). 7:30 pm. All bisexuals & bi-friendly straights & gays are welcome.
Erotic Explosion II: 2nd annual ACHE Valentine's Day Black Lesbian Erotic Reading with Blake Aarens, SDiane Bogus, Natalie Devora, Winn Gilmore, Margaret Sloan-Hunter, Mary Midgett, Ntombi, V Papaya-Mann, Stephanie Smith and Donna Terry, plus special guest Teri Lethridge. Hosted by Stephanie Henderson. 968 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm. Info: 282-9246.
Poetry Reading at Forest Books: Theory Girls & Jean Day. Theory Girls focus on the location of women in society, an investigation of theory thru performance. Jean Day's work focuses on the emotional from within. 8 pm, $3. 3080 16th St at Valencia, SF. Info: 863-2755.
Paul Taylor Dance Co in concert thru 2/16. 8 pm, $25, $20 & $14. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.
Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret tonight, see 2/1 listing for details.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight in Mountain View, see 2/7.
At DNA Lounge tonight: *The Samples*. 11th & Harrison, SF. 9 pm.

15 FRIDAY

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic offered by the SF SPCA for pets of San Franciscans on limited incomes ($12,000 or less). Info: 554-3030.
"Spirit, Nature & Self: Toward a Green Psychology," lecture/wkshop with Ralph Metzner explores concepts & experiential practices that can help heal the isolation of self from nature, and bring about an ecological consciousness. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-5 pm 2/16 & 17. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.
Spring Writing Class with Bo Huston: Huston, author, writer & *SF Bay Times* columnist, teaches a 10-wk class in short story writing at A Different Light Bookstore beginning 4/2. Class designed to encourage & assist gay and lesbian writers. A goal of the class is to work on fiction for publication; the focus of class readings, discussion and exercises will be process. Class size is limited, pre-registration necessary. Interested writers are invited to send a writing sample, info about themselves and any writing classes they have taken, and a $50 registration fee to Bo Huston, c/o A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF 94114; for further info call 641-9470.
Lesbian & Gay Partner Dancing: 6-wk course begins tonight. Beginners level, 7-8:30 pm; intermediate level, 8:30-10 pm. Tonight & 2/22, 3/1, 8, 15, 22. $60 adv reg, $65 first day of class. Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF. Info: Gene 621-8441.
Annual Bay Area Folk Harp Society Benefit Concert features emcee Patrick Ball, celtic harper & storyteller, with performers Gwenda Joan Davies, Platero, Laurie Rasmussen, Paul Michael Meredith, Belltaine. 8 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. $5 kids & srs. Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Info/res: 945-6351.
Old First Concerts Series features *Trio Artaria* (Robert Samson Bloch, violin; Thomas Stauffer, cello; Cynthia Darby, piano) in a program of works by Haydn, Beethoven, Schoenberg & Magnard. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stndts & srs. Old First Church, 1751 Sacramento St, SF. Info: 474-1608.
Alix Dobkin in Concert Twice—at Mama Bears tonight! 8 & 10 pm, $8. Women only. Adv tix purchase required, call 428-9684 for info/res. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret: 8 & 10 pm tonight, see 2/1 listing for details.
Paul Taylor Dance Co in concert at UC Berkeley, see 2/14.
Controversial playwright Frank Chin reads from & discusses his hilarious first novel, *Donald Duk*, the story of 12-year-old Donald, who would rather be Fred Astaire than the son of a Chinatown restaurateur. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Bloodline—video theatre by Elizabeth Weinberg attempts to reveal the paradox of blood as a contract & blood as the ultimate claim to freedom. Examines the language of blood in society, obsession with murder & the sight of blood & family ties by virtue of blood alone. Tonight & tmw, 8:30 pm, $4-8 SL. 1800 Square Feet, 715 Clementina, Folsom/Howard, 8th/9th, SF. Info: 773-8706.
Ft Miley VA needs applicants for its AIDS Volunteer Program, see 2/1 listing for details.
"Celebrating Our Diversity, Celebrating Our Unity" is the theme of the 7th annual continental convocation of Unitarian Universalists (UU) for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. Today thru 2/17 at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Keynote speaker: Rev Kim Crawford Harvie, senior minister of Arlington Street Church in Boston, and lesbian mother of two. Includes interactive workshops, presentations & panels on a wide variety of topics, including lesbian & gay bashing in the media, with Ginger Casey & John Roszak of KQED TV, Hank Plante of KPIX TV and Bob Schaibly, of Houston's First Unitarian Church; lesbian sex workshop with Joani Blank, owner of Good Vibrations; the emergence of new families, with Rev Harvie & Lillian Johnson of SF Family & Child Services; "gay/lesbian dialogue: hearing one another" with Bay Area psychotherapists Sharone Abromowitz & John Beebe; and more. Reg fee $65-95, based on annual income. Includes 6 meals. $45 fee with meals excluded. Info/reg: 626-2150.
Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force seeks volunteers, see 2/5.
Dance of the Golden Thread: What Links Us? Ritual dance performance "to create community, inspiration & urgency" . Features a ritual dance among paper "prayer blanket" columns with a slide montage representing resonses to the question "What Links Us?" Includes solo a cappella, audience participation, storytelling, and an exhibit of related artworks curated by Maureen Martin. Tonight & tmw, 9 pm at 41 Powell St, SF. Spons by Institute for Living Arts. Info: 392-1015.
Spoken Word Savages Series continues at Cafe Beano with "Love Tunnels" with Rachel Kaplan and Ann Rosencrantz. 10 pm, $3. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.
Frameline offers new lesbian/gay films—see 2/1 listing for details.
Gathering of Young Lesbian Separatists—see 2/1 listing for details.
National Sexuality Symposium 3-day conference starts today; includes Sunday evening Erotic Costume Ball. Workshops, exhibits and presentations by some of the leading sex educators and sexperts. Tonight 8pm: Keynote by Bob Schwartz, author of *The One Hour Orgasm*. Saturday's presentations include (but not limited to) SF Sex Information Hot Line's Ten Hottest Tips; How to Break through Barriers of Intimacy; Feminist Erotica: The Fifth Colum of Porno; East Meets West: Tantric and Quodoushka Sexuality; Saturday night's banquet features Isadora Alman speaking on "Communication is the Best Lubication." Sunday's lineup includes Beyond Fatasy: 500 Unusual Sex Practices; Erotic Massage; S&M for Beginners; The Politics of Bisexuality; Destigmatizing Prostitution; Sunday night's banquet topic is "Asking For What You Want—And Usually Getting It" and Sunday concludes with an Erotic Costume Ball. Monday's presentations focus on Alternative Lifestyles; Sacred Sex in Visuals and Thinking Errors About Sexuality. Monday's brunch topic is "Sex and Censorship. For complete information about the Symposium, call (415) 8651-4751.

16 SATURDAY

SF's Phil Frank, creator of *Farley*, appears at the Cartoon Art Museum from 1-4 pm to draw & answer questions about his work in an informal setting. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Info: 546-9481.
Please to the Table: *the Russian Cookbook*—author Anya Von Bremzen discusses her book, a culinary tour thru 15 Soviet republics, including 400 regional dishes & drinks. Also recipe demos! 2 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Valentine's Social Mixer: Enjoy an alcohol-free evening of good food & light entertainment with other HIV+/PWAs & their friends. Spons by Soul Ventures, a social networking & dating service for the Bay Area HIV+/PWA community. 7-10 pm, $15. In the upstairs dining room at Castro Hibachi Restaurant, btwn Castro & Hartford St, SF. RSVP required by 2/11, call 543-2520 for info/res.
The Gulf Crisis: the Media's Role in Dis-Information—A community teach-in spons by Modern Times Bookstore. Forum with Dennis Bernstein, host-producer of KPFA's "Need to Know" and "War Watch" programs, asst editor of Pacific News Service and author of *Friendly Dictator Trading Cards*; Laura Fraser, freelance journalist who recently visited Iraq; Marcello Rodriguez, editor of *SF Weekly*; Norman Solomon, author of *Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in the News Media*; Kris Welch, KPFA Morning Show anchor/producer. Commentator Josefina Valle, peace education secretary for the American Friends Service Committee. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246. Also see 2/23.
Because This Is About Love, a documentary about lesbian & gay marriage, premieres at The Box in celebration of Valentine's Day. The film's producer Shulee Ong will be present. Film weaves together the story of five lesbian & gay couples who have made lifelong commitments thru some form of marriage ceremony. Doors open at 7 pm, program starts at 7:30. Tix $7-12 SL. The Box, 128 Divisadero St, SF. All proceeds donated to film costs.
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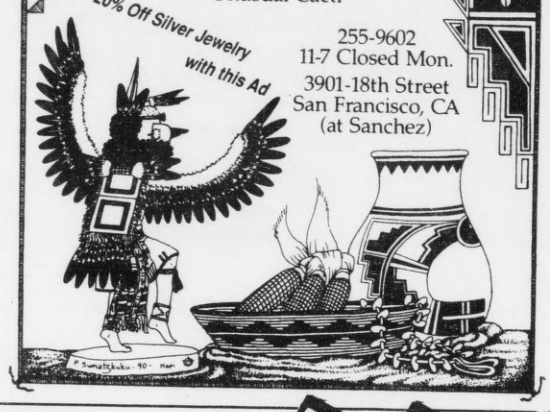

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Alix Dobkin in Concert at Josie's Cabaret: folksongs plus contemporary stylings from this longtime lesbian feminist and activist singer/songwriter. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. One night only, don't miss! Info: 861-7933.

Over Our Heads at Mama Bears: Come out for a night of fine improv comedy & music with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larsen & Marion Damon. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakland.

Judith Kate Friedman Concert & Song Circle: full set of new songs, followed by songs & poems brought by the audience for the 2nd half. Excellent acoustics & warm atmosphere make for a thoroughly enjoyable evening at Sacred Grounds Coffeehouse, Hayes & Cole Sts, SF. 8 pm, $4-6 SL fee, more if you can, less if you can't. Partially Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 668-9221.

Paul Taylor Dance Co in concert at UC Berkeley, see 2/14.

Laurie Amat sings Songs of Love: A Valentine's concert at the Plush Room, Hotel York, 947 Sutter St, SF. 8:30 pm. Accompanied by J Raoul Brody and David Sampson, featuring guest appearance by Johnny Lonely. An eve of romance with traditional & contemporary, standard & obscure love songs. A Valentine's dress-up affair, tix $30 per couple, $15 singles. Info/res: 885-2800.

National Sexuality Symposium continues today, with a packed day of workshops, exhibits and speakers. See Friday the 15th for details.

Valentine Dance at Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse. Come out with your hearts on! 8:30 pm, $4-8 SL. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight in the Southbay, see 2/2 listing for details.

Bloodline—Video Theatre by Elizabeth Weinberg at 1800 Square Feet, see 2/15 listing for details.

7th Annual Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament: Seven highly competitive women's teams (including teams from Brazil & Mexico) present a weekend of exciting, fast-paced wheelchair basketball. 9 am-5 pm today, 9 am-3 pm tomorrow, at Harry Ells Gym, 35th & Chandlor (off MacDonald Ave), Richmond and at YWCA, 3230 MacDonald Ave, Richmond. Donations to support the Bay Area Meterorites are welcome.

Bi-Friendly Valentine's Day/Mardi Gras Bash: Come appropriately attired (ie in gala costume and/or red—or fuschia, the bisexual color of choice!) Bring refreshments and be ready to party! Eastbay location, call Bill 540-0869 for info/details.

Dance of the Golden Thread with Maureen Martin, see 2/15 listing for details.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (merges briefly with 23rd), turn right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda, continue on Park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis, follow Otis across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr, and immediately right onto Veterans Ct. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Circumambulation of Mt Diablo/Mt Diablo State Park, Contra Costa County—hike with SF Hiking Club. Grand loop around the summit of Mt Diablo. Hike counter-clockwise around the mountain from Juniper Campground to Devil's Elbow to Prospector's Gap to Deer Flat & back to Juniper Campground. Strenuous 7-mile hike, total climb of about 2,000 ft. Views are outstanding if the atmosphere is clear. Cost per car $11.60, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch & water (and Dramamine for the winding road, if you get car sick). Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF.

Feminist Witchcraft with Z Budapest: Learn the herstory of the Goddess & her witches thru slides & lecture; experience the ways of her worship thru ritual & casting spells. A participatory workshop based on improv. 1120 Fulton Ave, Suite G, Sacramento. For info/res: Women's Spirituality Forum 420-1454.

At El Rio tonight: *Zsa Zsa House* and *Five Year Plan*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Mario Mondelli and comics Maureen Brownsey, Karen Williams, and Marilyn Pittman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

"Twice Blessed" Wkshop at Sha'ar Zahav: Nan Fink, co-founder and former publisher of *Tikkun* and Skye Pelicrow, actor, musician and dancer, speak on conversion to Judaism. Fink converted to Judaism in 1985, Pelicrow in 1987. Spons by the Adult Education Committee of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav as part of their "Twice Blessed" workshop series. 12:30 pm, free. Info: 861-6932.

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"Will It Pop? A Trilogy for Late-Night Neurotics," with Ruven Hannah at the Climate Theatre. Onstage has all the info.

17 SUNDAY

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Burt Herrman reads excerpts from the late Robert Chesley's collection of works, *Hard Plays/Stiff Parts*. Info: 552-1997.

Lily Pond, founder of *Yellow Silk*: *Journal of the Erotic Arts*, and Richard Russo, author of *Dreams Are Wiser Than Man*, read from and discuss *Yellow Silk: Erotic Arts & Letters*, a compendium of the best poems, short stories, essays & art work from *Yellow Silk*'s first 8 years, featuring the work of writers such as Gary Soto, William Kotzwinkle, Marge Piercy & Ntozake Shange. Contributors Jane Hirschfield, Dorianne Lux & Ivan Arguelles will be present. 2 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Free Evensong Recital at Grace Cathedral, following the 3:30 pm Evensong service. Features folk harpist Diana Stork, member of "Geist". 1051 Taylor St, SF. Info: 749-6309.

Ballroom & Country Western Dance Lessons at Billy DeFrank Ctr, San Jose—see 2/3 listing for details.

At El Rio: *El Grupo Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

"Sugar Mama of Soul," Gwen Avery in Concert at Josie's Cabaret, 3543 16th St at Market, SF. 4 pm, $6. Info: 861-7933.

MusicSources Concerts Series features a performance by Preethi De Silva, Ceylon-born fortepianist, playing Mozart & CPE Bach. 5 pm, $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: 528-1685.

The FBI vs the First Amendment: Richard Criley, West Coast director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL) discusses his new book about how the FBI still clings to its war against First Amendment freedoms. 7 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Academy of St Martin in the Fields: Award-winning, 24 member ensemble from London. 7 pm, $35, $27, $20. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.

Jazz & Blues: Randy McNamara in concert at Josie's, with pianist Paul Greenwood & percussionist Deena Clevenson. 8 pm, $8. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Shed Your Wings at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: dance performance at Whiptail Lizard Lounge, a wimmin-only dyke space, see 2/16 listing for details.

Golf: All Play! Beginners & experts welcome at Blackberry Farms in Cupertino, brunch follows. Spons by Southbay BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Reservations & pre-payment required, call Laurel (408) 270-5052 for info, leave name & address. Deadline for reg is 2/1.

Mt Tamalpais Trekking with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: 12-mile, moderately-paced but strenuous loop hike. Covers some of Mt Tam's most popular attractions, including Muir Woods. Bring lunch, lots of water, sturdy hiking shoes. Meet 9 am at Thrifty, Church & Market St, SF; or at the auxiliary Muir Woods parking lot at 9:50 am. Carpooling info: Lauren 861-6591.

Electric City Queer TV—see 2/3.

Sunday's Women Gathering: Features energy healer Francine Kohn. Kohn, who has 20 years of experience in metaphysics, leads a trance to calm the strengths of our shadow selves. 11:30 am-1:30 pm, $7-13 requested donation. 1650 Mountain Blvd at Thornhill, Oakland. Info: Women's Spirituality Forum 420-1454.

Painted Ladies House Tour: Victorian house tour, a fundraiser for Shanti's housing programs for people with AIDS. Visit four homes on Alamo Square. Noon-4 pm, $25 per person. Free parking available. Info/res: Michael or Molly 777 2273, 495-7495 (TDD).

Gay/Lesbians of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science meet for a Brown Bag hike at Spring Lake, Santa Rosa. Info: Laura (707) 938-1160.

Bi-Friendly Trip to SF Exploratorium: Come experience the City's fantastic science museum. This noon tour runs thru dinner time & concludes with an exclusive Bi-Friendly tour of the Tactile Dome (a maze in complete darkness, not for the claustrophobic!) $6 tix. Space limited, reservations required, call Pierre 753-0687 for info/res.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walks—see 2/10 listing for details.

Female Piercings Class with Raelyn Gallina. Part of QSM's series of educational/artistic programs for the s/m community. Raelyn, a jeweler for 17 years and a professional piercer for 8, discusses & demonstrates tit & genital piercings. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm, $12. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

18 MONDAY

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 2/4.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Maureen Brownsey. 8:30 pm, $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Upstart Stage presents a staged reading of Syl Jones' "The New Math", co-produced by the Oakland Ensemble Theatre. A play about the masks that African Americans are sometimes forced to wear in the face of institutional racism, and the personal implications of those masks. Directed by Sharon Walton. 7:30 pm at Laval's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley.

The Death of Ramon Gonzalez: *The Modern Agricultural Dilemma*: Angus Wright discusses his book, which combines scholarly research & moving storytelling in a case study of one of the thousands of farm workers who die each year from acute pesticide poisoning. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Main Event: A night of comedy improv at New Performance Gallery, see 2/4 listing for details.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Comedy Improv—see 2/4 listing for details.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs this morning in Newark, see 2/4 listing.

KQED Viewpoints Series features Stuart Perkin's documentary, *No Room to Roam*, about the legal buffalo hunt taking place outside Montana's Yellowstone National Park. Perkin investigates the role of the National Park Service & its management policies, the power of the hunting lobby, & the role of the hunter in our society. 10:30 pm, KQED Channel 9.

19 TUESDAY

"Metaphysics Goes to the Movies and sees 'Pretty Woman' " a movie review from the metaphysical point of view, by Rev Andrew Bozeman, Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Program: Guest speaker Katherine Duffy of the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District. Come hear how the district goes about acquiring lands in San Mateo County. Program begins at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Tonight's class is on Weather & Nature Goddesses including Hina, Pele, Tangaroa-Ru, Gaia, Nuit, Tara, Luna, Rhiannon, Arianrhod & Brigid. Part of a series of weekly classes for women. 8-10 pm, $15-20. See 2/5 for more details. Info: 652-6355.

The Treehouse Feat with George Aldridge & Michael Stanton at El Rio tonight, 9 pm-midnight, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight in San Jose, see 2/5 listing for program details.

20 WEDNESDAY

Frameline offers new lesbian/gay films—see 2/1 listing for details.

Spring Writing Class with Bo Huston—Register now! See 2/15 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly UC support group & social—see 2/6 listing for details.

Fear in Love: a night of poetry at Mama Bears by Poets Present Poets. Readings by Lynn Boland, Janet Capone, Sonja Franeta, Willyce Kim & Denise Leto. 7 pm, $5-8 SL fee. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. Spons by Lavender Rose Women's Crafts & Mystery School. Info: 428-9684. Reservations suggested.

Gay Men's Support Group led by Stuart Horance. Spons by Ministry of Light. 7 pm, $10 per session. Info: 457-1115.

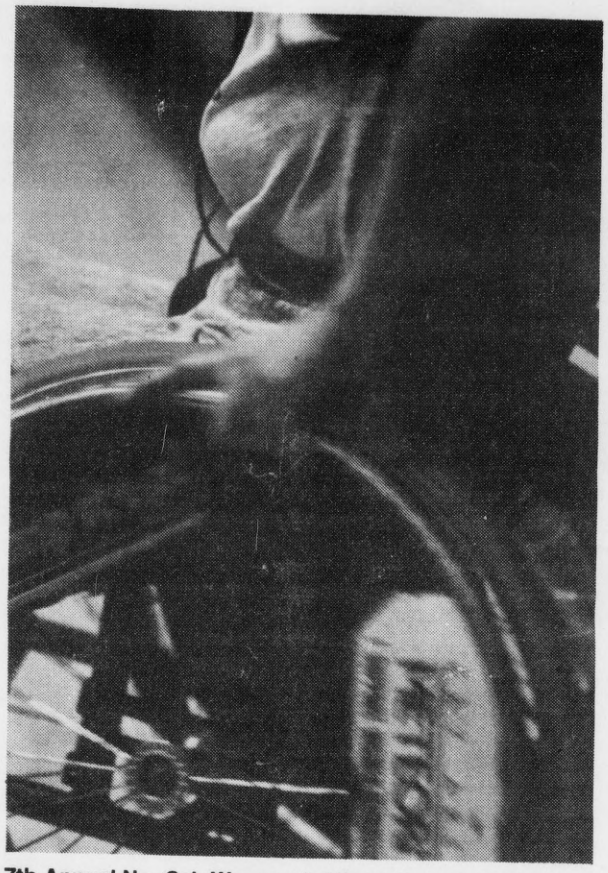
Flagellation & Fantasy Class with Ruth Marks, current Ms National Leather Association. Come find out how whips & whipping techniques can help enhance the fantasies you want to live out. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $12. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Part of QSM's series of educational/artistic programs for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Pirin, the Bulgarian National Folk Ensemble, in concert at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Exotically costumed dancers spin & leap to the accompaniment of authentic instruments such as the kaval & lute. Program features the internationally acclaimed *Stefanov Women's Chorus*, known for their work on the enormously successful *Le Mystere des Voix Bulgares*, recorded on Nonesuch. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $18, $15 & $11. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.

Poetry Reading at Forest Books with Jessica Grim, author of *Intrepid Hearts* and *The Inveterate Life*; and Ron Silliman, author of *Manifest, What, Lit, Tjanting* and *Ketjak*. 8 pm, $3. 3080 16th St, SF. Info: 863-2755.

Electric City Queer TV—see 2/3.

"Lesbo-a-gogo" with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret: Massachusetts-based comic Lea DeLaria returns to SF with her critically acclaimed show, a blend of outrageous gay comedy and earthy blues singing. Plays Wed-Sun thru 2/24 at 8 pm, with



7th Annual No. Cal. Wopmen's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. Feb 16 & 17.

an additional 10 pm show on 2/22. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force urgently needs volunteers, see 2/5 listing for details.
Comedy at El Rio with Marilyn Pittman, Laura Milligan, Dan Morgan and David Cohen. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
The Knitting Factory at DNA Lounge tonight. 11th & Harrison, SF. 9 pm.
"Do We Still Need to Worry About Tooth Decay?" a talk by Ernest Newbrun, DMD, PhD, on tooth decay, which is still the major cause of tooth loss. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag Lecture Series. UCSF Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-4394.

21 THURSDAY

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group mtg—see 2/7.
Gay/Lesbians of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science Planning Meeting: 7 pm, contact Suzanne for more info, (707) 526-6832.
Gay Men's Sketch: drop-in male nude figure drawing group for all skill levels. February features African-American models in honor of Black history month. Tonight: athlete/sensuous model Craig Bundy. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 544-1136.
Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears, with tarot readings by Suzanne Judith ($10, call ahead to reserve reading time). Women only. 7-11 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Another Mother Tongue: Envisioning Queer Culture Class, see 2/7.
BABN Community Forum: Bay Area Bisexual Network presents a forum on "Personalizing the 'Isms' (Classism, Ageism, Sexism, Racism, etc). 7:30-9 pm, $3-5 SL donation. New College, 766 Valencia St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 564-BABN.
Barbara Bocek, Stanford University archaeologist, speaks on "The Archaeology of Jasper Ridge", 7:30 pm, free. Palo Alto Cultural Ctr. Part of Stanford University's "Town Meets Gown: A Stanford Centennial Year Lectures Series". Info: 725-1991.
BABN Forum: Bay Area Bisexual Network presents forum postponed from last January, "Coming Out of the Hetero Closet". New College, 766 Valencia St, SF (16th St Mission BART Station).
Lesbo-A-Gogo with Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. 8 pm, $10. See 2/20.
Psychiatrist Claudio Naranjo discusses his new book, *Ennea-Type Structures: Self-Analysis for the Seeker*, which presents insights into the universality of the Enneagram as a tool for psychological self-exploration. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Nonviolence in Latin America: Phil McManus, editor of *Relentless Persistence: Nonviolent Action in Latin America*, discusses this collection of case histories & personal testimonies which demonstrate the courage, creativity & power of nonviolent struggles for change. Come expand your sense of your own possibilities. 8 pm at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight in Mountain View, see 2/7 listing for details.
The High Risk Group present "More Garage Dances", a look at some of their latest dance/performance works. Tonight thru 2/23, 8:30 pm, $4-8 SL. At 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina, Folsom/Howard & 8/9 Sts, SF. Info/res: 773-8706.
Female Rap Rising: the State of Women in Hip Hop—Dominique DiPrima, rapper, actress & KRON TV host outlines the current surge of female rappers & discusses issues facing women in hip hop. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr as part of Black Heritage Month celebrations. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

22 FRIDAY

Southbay TGIF presented by Southbay BACW (Bay Area Career Women), see 2/8 listing for details.
Lesbian Intros—see 2/1.
Film *Ay Carmela!*, a darkly humorous tale of a vaudeville duo during the Spanish Civil War, begins today at the Lumiere Theatre, 1572 California at Polk SF. Info: 885-3200.
"The Self in Psychosis & Spiritual Evolution," a lecture/wkshop with John W Perry. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.
Marin Dines Out with Marin BACW. Dine Italian style in the private "wine cellar" at Papacino's in Mill Valley. 7 pm, $1. Info/res: Avril 383-6737. Limited to 16, get your reservations in early.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs in the Southbay, see 2/8 listing for details.
Betsy Rose Album Release Concert: A celebration of the release of "Sacred Ground". Rose will be accompanied by Nina Gerber on guitar. 8 pm, $8 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Bare Essentials: a series of concerts by Cynthia Winton-Henry, Phil Porter and the Wing It! Performance Ensemble. 8 pm tonight & tmw and 3/1-2, 8-9 at Open Arts Circle, 530 E 8th St at 6th (east of Laney College), Oakland. Tix $9 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs.
Black Women Goddesses Slideshow at Mama Bears: Fascinating facets of Black Goddesses lore. Presentation by Maria Belkys, followed by discussion. 8 pm, $6-8. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Parli italiano? Come for an informal evening's chatter with a friendly group of beginners to natives—SF location. 8 pm. Info: Paolino 431-6414 (wk), 282-4956 (hm).
Guarneri String Quartet in concert at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. Works by Mozart, Brahms & Beethoven. 8 pm, $22, $18, $13. Cal Performances 642-9988.
Judith Kate Friedman opens for singer/songwriter Fred Small tonight at First Presbyterian Church, Cowper at Lincoln, Palo Alto. 8 pm, $10 adv/$12 door. Proceeds benefit ARIS and Mid-Peninsula SPT Network. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 960-3566.
Opera Orchestra Players perform works by Beethoven & Stravinsky. Part of Old First Church Concerts series. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608.
Lesbo-A-Gogo with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's, see 2/20.
Women's Cross-Country Ski Trip at Tahoe-Donner—see 2/1 listing for details.
"Orchids Naturally," 39th annual show spons by SF Orchid Society. Features 22,000 square feet of exhibit & plant sales. International judging. Videos, demos & workshops. Show opens tonight at 6 pm with a benefit preview featuring hors d'oeuvres, wine & music by the Ecuadorian folk group *Imbaya*. Show continues Sat & Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Tix $15 opening night, $5 Sat & Sun. $3 stdnts, srs, kids & disabled. $20 weekend pass includes all three days. Ft Mason Ctr's Herbst Pavillion, Pier 2, Marina Blvd & Buchanan, SF.
Spoken Word Savages Series continues at Cafe Beano with "Diva Dance" with Kim Nicolini and Kathleen Wood. 10 pm, $3. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.

23 SATURDAY

Herbs & Massage Class: Learn about the use of herbs in massage. Topics include: herbal foot & hand baths as a complement to reflexology, massage oils, medicated oils & liniments for specific problems, aromatherapy in blending massage oils, base oils & their different qualities, herbal teas & tinctures as compliments to deep tissue work. Participants will custom blend their own massage oil. 2-5:30 pm, $14-24 SL fee. Info/reg: Adam Seller 845-4028.
Therapeutic Breathwork Clinic offered by Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr. Learn an effective, gentle process to restore mind/body balance & strengthen the natural healing process. Info/res: Brian Silva 626-5875 or Carole Morton 621-5683.
Lesbian Social/Movie Get Together: Potluck social, followed by movie. Monthly get togther for casual socializing and movie watching for all lesbians 30 and over. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. Eastbay location this month, call 531-3943 for info.
Hovhanes Birthday Celebration Concert with Oakland Symphony Chorus. 8 pm at First Congregational Church of Oakland, 27th & Harrison Sts, Oakland. Pre-concert lecture at 7 pm, reception follows concert. Tix: $15 & $10 gen'l, $12 & $7 stdnts & srs, $5 for kids 12 & under. Info/res: 658-0160.
Bondage Buddies Bondage Party: Safesex Leathersex Bondage party for guys into the scene. Info/location: 292-3228.
Gay/Lesbians of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science meet for an evening of dancing at the Woods in Guerneville. For info/res call Irene (707) 838-7454.
War at Home: Militarism Impacts Racism, Sexism & Homophobia—a community teach-in spons by Modern Times Bookstore (see 2/16). Forum with Paul Didonato, legal director of the National Gay Rights Advocates, attorney for gays & lesbians in the military; Julianne Malveaux, African-American scholar, author & columnist for *The Sun Reporter* and *Essence*; Carlos Munoz, Jr, UC Berkeley La Raza Studies professor & author of *Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement*; Diana Nazzal of the Palestine Solidarity Committee. Commentator Keith Harris, of UC Berkeley's Ctr for Racial Education & co-editor of *In Your Face: Men of Color Magazine*. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
A Jazzy Eve at Mama Bears with Debbie Fier, Jean Fineberg & Carolyn Brandy. SIGN by Elizabeth Fides. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
Bare Essentials at Open Arts Circle in Oakland, see 2/22.
Pineapple Sunset, ephemeral sculpture by Sha Sha Higby at Richmond Art Ctr tonight & tmw, see 2/1

Once upon a time Alice took a trip to the woods in Guerneville and she saw things she couldn't believe. At two magical places called Fifes Resort and The Woods Resort, she saw erotic female entertainment, go-go dancers and a great Country Western band. Just behind a large mushroom was a Cinco De Mayo celebration with comedy, a wet T-shirt contest, a Crafts Fair and more live entertainment.

A little later she stumbled into a dance concert with a hot Lesbian dance artist and wild, abandoned dancers. "*It's Women's Weekend 1991!*" Alice exclaimed. Then a large caterpillar with a hookah told her not to miss Theresa Trull and her hot band in a two hour concert.

At first Alice was a little frightened, but then she had a scotch and soda and took the pretty blue ribbon out of her long hair. Soon Alice was joining the other happy girls playing Diamond Tiara Toss, Dunk a Dyke, Pussy Cat Dart Throw and many other wonderful games. The Red Queen even took her to a T-Dance with a popular Lesbian DJ.

What a wonderful time Alice had in this Wonderland for oh so very little money. And what a wonderful time you can have if you'll only call starting in April for your discount advanced purchase tickets.

Crafts Fair Exhibitors: Apply today for space reservations. $20/per day/ per space includes one admission cover. Send request to: Women's Weekend Crafts Fair 1991, P.O. Box 1690, Guerneville, CA 95446. Please specify type of merchandise and desired day. (Saturday: Fifes Resort Show, Sunday: Woods Resort Show.)

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Comic Lea DeLaria in Lesbo-A-Gogo at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/20 listing for details.

Kronos Quartet in concert at Stanford University's Dinkelspiel Auditorium. Bay Area premiere of Kronos' most recent commissions. Special guest composer Steven Mackey. 8 pm, $17-22. Info: 723-4317.

"Orchids Naturally", 39th Annual Show at Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason, see 2/22.

Basic Home Repair: Plumbing & Electrical—wkshop facilitated by Women Empowering Women, an organization of women in the trades. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Learn how to repair leaky faucets & how to unclog drains, discover what's in the tank at the back of the toilet & learn the names & uses of tools & materials related to home plumbing repairs. 9 am-4 pm, $20-45 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836 for info.

Lives of Resistance/Communities of Support: one-day conference on war tax resistance and other forms of activism. Topics include: What is a life of resistance?; Basic war tax resistance—"how to"; ecological living/activism; self-employment & war tax resistance; local plans for economic conversion; interpersonal conflict resolution; structuring our lives to resist IRS collection; creative tax payments—legal & CD actions; land trusts & co-housing; domestic partnership & marriage; parenting & activism; the peace tax bill; barter/underground economy; credit,insurance, & retirement; and alternative revenue service. 9:30 am-7 pm, $10-25 SL fee includes lunch. UC Berkeley School of Journalism, Northgate of Campus; corner of Hearst & Euclid, Berkeley. Pre-reg encouraged, call 843-9877 or write PO Box 2422, Berkeley, CA 94702. Spons by the Peace & Conflict Studies Program, UC Berkeley, and Northern Calif War Tax Resistance.

Lake Merritt Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Meet 9:30 at the corner of 14th & Oak St in front of the Cameron Stanford House. Call Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792 for more info about the run (or if you'd rather try cross-country skiing at Royal Gorge Resort this wkend).

Walk & Bird-Watch in the Baylands of Menlo Park & Palo Alto with SF Hiking Club. Meet 9:30 am under the Big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF.

Recovery & Stress Management Wkshop: free 3-hour wkshop for lesbians & gays in recovery. Develop practical skills to help deal with stress in relation to recovery, work, health, etc. Spons by Operation Concern. 10 am-1 pm. 1853 Market St, SF. Info/res: 626-7000.

Heritage Chinese New Year Celebration: Lecture on SF Chinese history, followed by a Chinatown Walk focusing on the rich architecture & culture of one of SF's oldest and most historic neighborhoods. Also chance to share in the traditional Chinese New Year celebration. 10 am, $15. Meet at Commodore Stockton School Auditorium, 950 Clay St, SF. Optional dim sum lunch for additional $10. For further info/reservations: 441-3000. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage.

Rock at El Rio with *Watch Out, Scrapyard,* and *The Genuine Diamelles.* 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

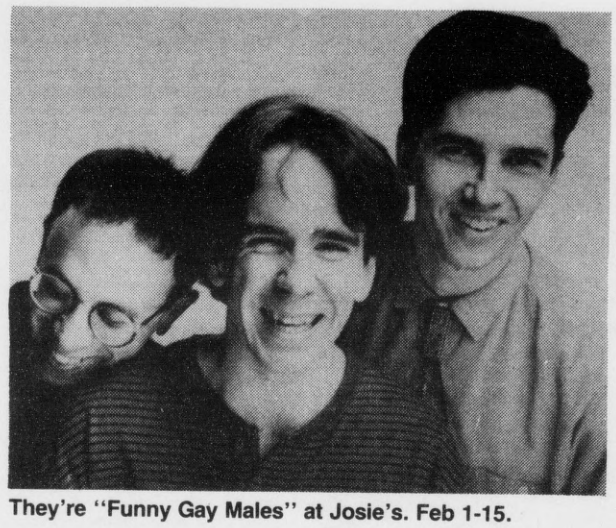
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mario Mondelli and comics Tom Ammiano, Lisa Geduldig, and Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $8. 3153 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Presidio Herb Walk. Learn to identify & use many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. An intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Learn the basics of holistic healing. Meet 10:30 am at Inspiration Point on Arguello Blvd, SF. Info: Adam Seller 845-4028.

Living the Relationship: class led by two s/m couples, one lesbian, the other gay male. Discussion of issues, including monogamy/non-monogamy, the problems that have arisen, & how relationships have evolved. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm, $10. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Part of QSM's series of educational/artistic programs for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321.

24 SUNDAY

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Open Auditions: for performers at the 1991 Celebration. 1-4 pm today at the Bench & Bar, 120 11th St, Oakland, and 2-7 pm on 3/3 at Amelia's, 647 Valencia St, SF. For registration & other info call 864-FREE.



They're "Funny Gay Males" at Josie's. Feb 1-15.

2/1 is the registration deadline.

Gallery Talks at Ansel Adams: Magnum photographers Paul Fusco & Wayne Miller discuss their work on exhibit, and share anecdotes of their experiences as members of Magnum photographers, the cooperatively-run international photographic agency. 1:15 pm, Ansel Adams Ctr, 250 4th St, SF. Info: 495-7000.

Latin Dancing Wkshop: Especially designed for same-sex dancing. Featuring the Tango. Learn how to lead, follow or both. Do the dramatic spins, fans & dips that made Valentino famous. 2-5 pm, $20 adv, $25 day of wkshop. Studio 204, 3435 Army St (the old Sears Bldg), SF. Info: Gene 621-8441.

Jean Weisinger Photo Show Reception: 3-5 pm at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Jean's photos of the Audre Lorde Conference will hang thru the month. Info: 428-9684.

Dance Benefit to help send old lesbians to the 1st Annual Nat'l Lesbian Conference in Atlanta (4/24-28). 3-6 pm at ACT Center, 450 Geary St (nr BART Powell St exit), SF. An afternoon of fun & frolic with entertainment, door prizes, raffles and great women, old & young! No-host alcoholic and non-alcoholic bars. Tix: $10 adv, $12-22 at door (no one turned away for lack of funds). Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) and OLOC (Bay Area Old Lesbian Organizing Committee). Info: Rosemary or Pat 626-7000.

Open Forum on the Middle East for the Lesbian & Gay Community: Spons by DAGGER (Dykes & Gay Guys Emergency Response) and Arab Gay Men. Speakers discuss the situation in the Gulf & its link to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict and the Intifada; and their relevance to the lesbian & gay community. 3-5 pm, $3-5 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Wheelchair Accessible. Childcare provided. SIGN. New College, 766 Valencia St, SF.

Cecilia Bartoli, mezzo soprano: Bay Area debut of this Italian singer. Program includes works by Pergolesi, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Mozart & Rossini. 3 pm, Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.

Gala Women's Dance: fundraiser to send low-income old lesbians to the April 1991 Lesbian Nat'l Conference. Money will go thru the Old Lesbian Organizing Committee. Dance spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 3-6 pm, $10-30 SL fee. 450 Geary St, SF. Come join us! Info: 626-7000.

At El Rio: *Candela*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.

Menage in Concert: See the 1990 Cable Car Vocal Ensemble award winners at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. 4 pm, $6. Info: 861-7933.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin monthly service: 4 pm at Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill Rd, Mill Valley. Info: 457-1129.

Pineapple Sunset—ephemeral sculpture by Sha Sha Higby at Richmond Art Ctr, see 2/1 listing for details. 4:30 pm.

Fireside Dinner with Marin BACW: non-members welcome! 5-8 pm, $2 each, with potluck dish. Northern Marin location. Info: Mary 892-1207.

MusicSources Builders (Or Meet Your Maker) series opens with a program by dual professional Sand Dalton, double reed maker & Philharmonia oboist. Dalton discusses the craft of building in celebration of the Douglas Steinke woodwind collection housed at MusicSources. 5 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: 528-1685.

Chanticleer, premiere male vocal ensemble, in concert at Grace Cathedral. 5 pm, $10. 1051 Taylor St, SF. Info: 749-6309.

Lesbo-A-Gogo with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret: final performance tonight at 8 pm, see 2/20 listing for details.

Sizzling Satire from Plutonium Players' Ladies Against Women, featuring a "Consciousness Lowering Refresher Course" and more biting satire from these zany political witticists. Written & performed by Sharon Harrington, Selma Spector & Gail Ann Williams. Special guest: Dave Lipman & his singing CIA agent George Shrub. 8 pm, $7 at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo nr Gilman, Berkeley. Info: 525-5054.

"Orchids Naturally," 39th Annual Show at Ft Mason's Herbst Pavilion, see 2/22.

Electric City Queer TV—see 2/3.

Sarah Schulman Wkshop, "The Brutal Rewrite", a 3-day novel-writing workshop spons by Intersection for the Arts. Shulman, novelist (*The Sophie Horowitz Story; Girls, Visions & Everything; After Delores; People in Trouble*) and writer for the feminist, gay & progressive press, focuses this workshop on the often brutal & difficult task of rewriting early drafts. The workshop is free, enrollment limited. Contact Tom Hall 626-2787 for deadlines & more info. Intersection's literary program is also seeking an intern or two to help with press info & mailings, staff events and provide curatorial input. This is a "write your own ticket" internship, and academic credit can be arranged. Call for info.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walks-see 2/10 listing for details.

Hortiphiles SF Auction: Purchase plants, garden tools, pots & books. Also noon potluck, everyone welcome! Hortiphiles is a group of lesbians, gay men & friends who enjoy plants. Info/location: Bruce 851-1022.

25 MONDAY

Performers, Light & Sound Women needed to help create Whiptail Lizard's Performance Night—see 2/1 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 2/4.

Sally Gearhart, feminist lesbian writer & newly-retired SF State University professor speaks at Christ Presbyterian Church, 620 Del Ganado, Terra Linda (corner of Del Ganado & Freitas Parkway). Topic: "Sin, Sex, Seth & Sado-Masochism". 7:30 pm, $5-10 SL donation. Spons by the Women's Spirituality Group of Ministry of Light.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Comedy Improv at New Performance Gallery, see 2/4 listing for details.

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Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Maureen Brownsey. 8:30 pm, $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force urgently needs volunteers, see 2/5 listing for details.

***Jellyfish* at Slim's, 333 11th St, SF.**

Outlook lesbian/gay video shows airs this morning in Newark, see 2/4 listing for details.

KQED's Viewpoints Series continues with *Living With The Spill*, a look at the impact of the Exxon supertanker spill on Valdez, ALaska. 10:30 pm, KQED Channel 9.

26 TUESDAY

Shanti Project Board of Directors Meeting monthly mtg. 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St nr 1st, SF.

"Using Meditation for Healing," a talk by Rev Pamela Ketzel, registered nurse & Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Intro to Herbs: Simple, pleasurable intro to healing plants & edible weeds, plus basic herbalist tools. Topics include: field identification, harvesting, wild food cooking, basic prep of home remedies, tinctures & salves, working with fragrance & hydrotherapy in potpourris, bath salts & herbal baths, herbal first aid, herbs for common complaints, basic categories of medicinal herbs & how and when to use them, flower essences, herbal cosmetics & ecological awareness. Hands-on approach. Five Tues eves, 7-9 pm, for info/reg: Adam Seller 845-4028.

AIDS/HIV Infection: the 2nd Decade—9-part lecture series opens at SF State University. Series features leading figures in AIDS research from across the nation. Tonight's speaker: Donald Francis, MD, DSc, Region Nine AIDS consultant for the US Public Health Service-Center for Disease Control (CDC). Francis presents an overiew of the variety of people who have been diagnosed with AIDS, those who are likely to continue to develop the disease, and the resulting implications for the future. 7 pm, Knuth Hall, SF State University, 1600 Holloway, SF. Info: 338-1373.

"Ansel Adams & the American Wilderness," a talk by environmentalist & author David Brower, longtime friend of Adams. 7:30 pm, $6. Space limited, adv reg suggested. Ansel Adams Ctr, 250 4th St, SF. Info: 495-7000.

Mary Gaitskill, author of the acclaimed short story collection, *Bad Behavior*, discusses her new novel *Two Girls Fat & Thin*, a "candid, compassionate & controversial" exploration of the underside of the modern female psyche, a psychological profile of two strangely-connected lives. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Tonight's class is on Healing & Home Goddesses including Hygieia, Buto, Edjo, Hestia, Vesta & Heartha. Part of a series of weekly classes for women. 8-10 pm, $15-20. See 2/5 listing for more details. Info: 652-6355.

"Unauthorized Autobiography" with New York's Frank Maya, comic, ranter, monologuist & performance artist; in a one-man-show series of funny, scary, and partially-fictionalized biographical stories. Tues-Sun at 8 pm at Josie's Cabaret, through 3/10. $10 tix. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

The Treehouse Feat: Open mike at El Rio with George Aldridge & Michael Stanton. 9 pm-midnight, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

27 WEDNESDAY

Frameline offers new lesbian/gay films—see 2/1 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly UC support group & social—see 2/6 listing for details.

Lost Feminists Social Group meets bimonthly for discussions/outings (see 2/6 listing for details). Tonight's topic: Bisexuality & Biphobia.

Multiple Personality: Tools & Techniques of Recovery. Wkshop at Mama Bears, for women only. Presenter: Mairi McFall. Get to know your system, develop communication. Bring paper & something to write with. 7 pm, $5. Reservations suggested, call 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Zora Is My Name! 90-min American Playhouse video documentary, a funny, stirring story based on the life of writer/anthropologist/folklorist Zora Neale Hurston, presented by ClaireLight Women's Books in honor of Black History Month. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Wills—You Can Draft Your Own: A preventive law workshop with attorney Linda Scaparotti. 7-9 pm, $25. For info/res call 835-0850.

Electric City Queer TV—see 2/3.

"Intro to Chinese Herbs" with Misha R Cohen, OMD. Come learn about the use of Chinese herbal therapy for people with HIV. 8 pm, $5 requested donation. Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr, 1748 Market St, SF. Classroom B. Info: 861-4964.

"Unauthorized Autobiography" with comic Frank Maya at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/26.

Melvyn Tan, fortepiano: Bay Area recital debut concert at Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. 8 pm, $18. Info: Cal Performances 642-9988.

Comedy at El Rio with Tom Ammiano, Shan Carr, Bridget Burke & Rocky Cologne. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gathering of Young Lesbian Separatists—see 2/1 listing for details.

"Nutritional Needs of the Elderly," a

talk by Suzanne Murphy, PhD, RD, associate search nutritionist, UC Berkeley. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag Lecture Series. UCSF Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-4394.

28 THURSDAY

Men's Friendship Group spons by GLOE meets today, see 2/14 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation in a private room at Anna's, 6420 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (Ashby BART Station). 7:30 pm. All bisexuals & bi-friendly straights & gays are welcome!

Spring Writing Class with Bo Huston—register now! See 2/15 listing for details.

Another Mother Tongue: Envisioning Queer Culture Class, see 2/7.

Gay Men's Sketch: drop-in male nude figure drawing group for all skill levels. February features African-American models in honor of Black history month. Tonight: bodybuilder & Physique gold medal winner Carlis Sharpe. 7 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 544-1136.

"2020 Visions: Long View of a Changing World," talk by Bruce Goldman, editor/manager of *The Portable Stanford*. 7:30 pm, free. Part of Stanford University's "Town Meets Gown: A Stanford Centennial Year Lecture Series". Info: 725-1991.

Row House: An eve of experimental film & moving theater at Intersection for the Arts: dance films and live performance by Mary Trunk of Trunk Company, Therese Adams of Moving & Storage Company, and Leslie Swaha of the Crash, Burn & Die Dance Co. Opens tonight, runs Sat-Sun 3/1 & 2 at 8 pm, $8. 446 Valencia St btwn 15th & 16th, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Douglas Adams, author of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, discusses his first nonfiction book, *Last Chance to See*, an account of a real & fantastic voyage he took in 1988 with zoologist Mark Carwardine, in search of exotic endangered creatures. A treat for anyone interested in the beauty and variety of Earth's endangered wildlife. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

"Unauthorized Autobiography" with comic Frank Maya at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/26 listing for details.

ETVC Fashion Fling: ETVC, the TV/TS & Friends Club, presents an end of the month social plus modeling by club members. 8 pm, SF location. ETVC is a 400-member support & social group for the transgender community. For location & other info: 763-3959, or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF 94101.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight in Mountain View, see 2/7 listing for details.

OUT/Write '91: 2nd Nat'l Lesbian & Gay Writers Conference: thru 3/3 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness & Geary, SF. Over 1800 particpants from across the country gather to discuss practical, political & artistic concerns facing lesbian & gay writers. Includes full week of lesbian/gay literary events. Registration: $30 before 2/15, $45 after 2/15. For reg/info call 626-3334.

GALLERIES

Jewish Community Museum: "International Purim Mask Exhibition" opens 2/21. 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Sun & Tues-Fri, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Sat & Mon. Admission free. Info: 543-8880.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Name is Familiar: An Historical Portrait of Bay Area Jewry, 1849-1950" Bay Area Jewish business, political, religious & cultural communities are profiled in 25 portraits & important archival documents, on exhibit thru 2/24. "Fritz Hirschberger: Sur-Rational Paintings", large oils on canvas depicting the Holocaust's inhumanities, thru 2/24. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: "Alma Lavenson: Photographs" thru 2/17. "Ansel Adams, the American Wilderness" thru 3/7. "In Our Time: The World As Seen By Magnum Photographers," 1/16-4/17. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts. Kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: "Nuclear Matters," exhibit of work by photographers & artists: Berlyn Brixner, Carole Conde & Karl Beveridge, Robert Del Tredici, Carole Gallagher, Peter Goin, David Graham, James Lerager, Yoshito Matsushige, Richard Misrach, Meridel Rubenstein, Steina & Woody Vasulka & Ellen Zweig, Margaret Stratton. Thru 3/9. Opening reception 2/1, 6-9 pm. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

Hatley Martin Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

Cartoon Art Museum: 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-3922, 546-9481.

NewLangton Arts: "Double Cross" installation by LA artist George Stone; and "Muqaddimah Li-Nihayat Jidal (Introduction to the end of an argument) Speaking for oneself... Speaking for others..." an exhibit consisting of 45 min tape using a comgination of Hollywood, European & Israeli film, documentary, news coverage & excerpts from live footage shot in the West Bank and Gaza to critique Western representation of the Middle East, Arab culture & the Palestinian people. Thru 2/23.Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Dana Gallery: 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm Mon & Thurs-Sat; noon-6 pm Sun. Tues & Wed by appt only. Info: 749-1849.

At Vorpal Gallery: "New Acquisitions/New Works" by various artists: Ensor, Hamaguchi, Manet, Modigliani, Picasso, Rembrand/Biernacki, Brzezinski, Chdosko, Chu, Douglas, Engles, Hendrickson, Kalman, Lash, Masteller, Matsumoto, Ochocki, Robirosa, Slusky, Tinsley, Wurm. Thru 2/28. 6-8 pm. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

At The Lab Gallery: Installation by Mark A Brest van Kempen. Thru 2/16. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. 1805 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

At SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Ogzobo: An Igbo Maskmaker of Nigeria." An extensive body of work by one African artist—the carver Ogbozo was a member of the Igbo people & worked in the middle of the 20th century in southeastern Nigeria. He produced an entire corpus of masks used in traditional masquerades, more than 100 variations, each representing specific characters in the festive annual village celebrations. Thru 2/24. "Mythical Figures & Fantastic Facades," paper facades by Nance O'Bannion and laminated cardboard sculpturesof mythical creatures by Peter Winter. Thru 2/24. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

At Vision Gallery: Retrospective of black & white photographs by Ralph Gibson; plus photographs by Ruffin Cooper. Thru 3/9. 1155 Mission St, SF.

At Richmond Art Ctr: "Viewpoints: 8 Installations", installations addressing topical issues with social, political, cultural, historical & ecological themes by Seyed Alavi, Marie Johnson Calloway, Tim Collins/Reiko Goto, Gavin Flint, Greacian Goeke, Robin Lasser/Ray Beldner, Hung Liu & Sandra Rowe Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair Accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info 620-6772.

At UC Berkeley Extension Gallery: "Animal Magnetism," black & white photos by Melissa Lee Harris. 55 Laguna St, SF. For gallery hours & other info call 861-6833.

At Circle Gallery: A group show of works by Calman Shemi, Lebadang, and Erte. Thru 2/28. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 11 am-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Info: 989-2100.

At University Art Museum: "The Independent Group: Postwar Britain & the Aesthetics of Plenty," 2/6-4/21 in galleries 2, 3 & 4; Sculptural works by Kiki Smith in Matrix Gallery, 2/6-4/14. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: 642-0808.

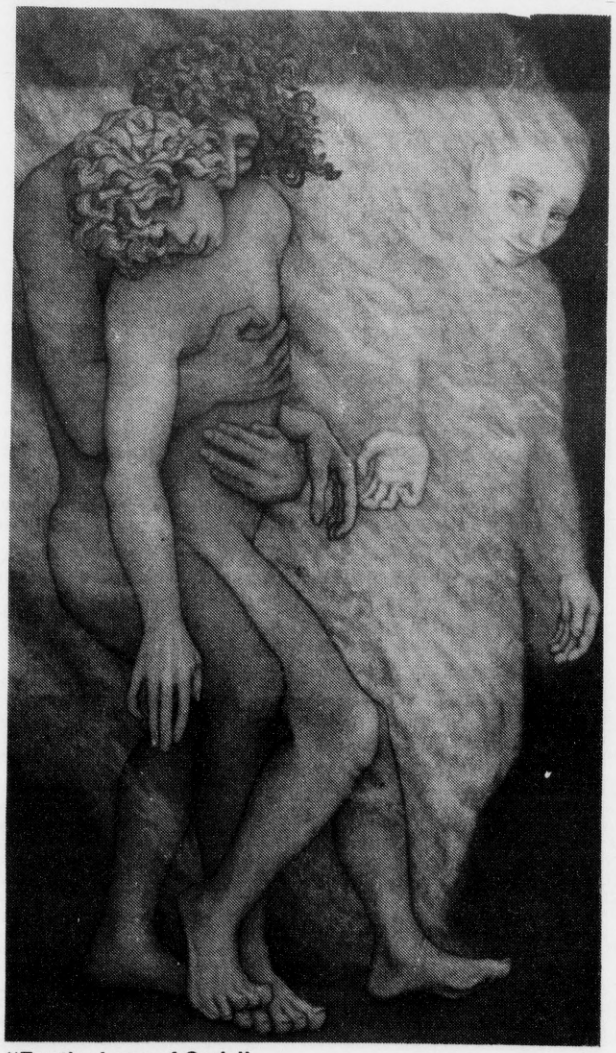
"For the Love of Gods: A Visual Interpretation of Greek Myth," drawings by James Groleau dealing with images of same-sex love found in the stories of ancient Greece. Runs 2/2-28, reception 6-8:30 pm, 2/22. Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF.

"Letters Never Sent," photography, watercolor & pastels by Hue Shurley. On exhibit thru February at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Group Show of artists from Rest Stop & The Center, on exhibit at Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr thru February. 1748 Market St, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Honored Artists Exhibit at Pro Arts. Works by Suzann Dunaway, Sara Leith & Paula Metallo. Thru 2/12. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Sat. 461 9th St, Oakl. Info: 763-4261.

"Installations for the Church" a site-specific exploration of space & spirit. Works by 9 artists (Bette Burgoyne, Bernadette Cotter, Sam Cucher, Melinda Montgomery, Lawrence Motta, Donna Schumacher, Kit Skromme, Christopher Young, Rene Yung) based on their intrepretations of the church as a place of



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"The Forbidden Self," multimedia exhibit of works by 10 artists at Capp Street Project explores the effect of cultural intolerance on personal expression. 2/15-3/30. opening reception 2/14, 5:30-7:30 pm; artists' forum 2/14, 7:30 pm. Capp Street Project/AVT, 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 626-7747.

7th Annual Antique American Indian Art Show & Sale: 2/23-24 at Marin Civic Ctr Exhibition Hall, Civic Ctr Drive, San Rafael. Comprehensive selection of pre-1940 North, Central and South American Indian art, photos & artifacts. Info: 472-3500.

Works by Mixed Media 6, a group of 6 Bay Area sculptors (Virginia Alenc, Galia Gilad, Pat McBroom, Gary Ronne, Matt Sanders & Lana Shively). On exhibit 2/3-28. Reception 2/3, 3-5 pm. Soft Touch Gallery, 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs:

Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor: Lincoln Park, off 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Admission free for everyone first Sat morning of month, 10 am-noon & all day first Wed of month. Info: 750-3614.

Asian Art Museum: "Women: Auspicious & Divine, Images of Southeast Asia & India", over 30 sculptures, on exhibit thru 3/3. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wednesdays & 1st Saturday mornings. Reg admission: $4 gen'l, $2 srs & youth ages 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 751-2500.

Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

"A Jewish Book of Months" 12-part mixed media collage on the Jewish calendar, by Jenny Helbraun. Thru 3/22 at SF Hillel, near SF State University. For info: 333-4922.

SF Folk & Tribal Arts Show: 2/9 11 am-8 pm, 2/10 11 am-5 pm. Over 100 dealers exhibit works. $6 admission daily, $8 for 2-day pass. The Concourse at Showplace Square, 8th at Brannan, SF.

Exhibition of New Paintings by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Photographs of the Artist by Leigh Wiener. On exhibit thru 3/16 at Kennedy Gallery/Pauline's Pizza Pie, 260 Valencia St nr 14th, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 5-10 pm. Info: 552-2050.

USArt Show. Fundraising event for the Archives of American Art. Over 75 distingushed American art dealers exhibit works. 2/21 preview party at 6 pm; runs 2/22 11 am-7 pm, 2/23, 11 am-6 pm; 2/24 noon-5 pm. Tix $10. The Concourse Exhibition Ctr, Showplace Square, 8th & Brannan Sts, SF.

ON STAGE

Hidden: A Gender by Kate Bornstein. Wickedly funny controversial piece of "transsexual theatre" which asks the question, "When it comes to gender, why can't we count highter than two?" Play weaves together the stories of 19th century hermaphrodite Herculine Barbin with that of 20th century Herman Amberstone, who moves from innocent child to macho heterosexual man to politically aware lesbian. Amberstone is based on the playwright's own journey. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs 8 pm Wed-Sun thru 2/16, matinees at 3 pm on 2/3 & 10. All Wed performances include discussion with cast following show. Tix $9-15. Info/res: 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.

Eye of the Coconut by Jeannie Barroga. A comedy about a Filipino family in the Midwest in the late 60s. Life is tough for Dad as he struggles to create a traditional life for this wife and three untraditional daughters, while he sings Hawaiian songs in a Polish nightclub. Asian American Theater Co production. Runs at 8 pm Wed-Sat, with 2 pm Sun matinees thru 2/24. Asian American Theater Ctr, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Orpheus Descending by Tennessee Williams. Phoenix Theatre revival of the Williams play about a guitar-strumming drifter who becomes the pawn between a rebellious girl & the wife of a shopkeeper. An ill-fated affair set in a southern town pervaded by sexual repression & moral corruption. Opens 2/1, runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 3/9. $12 Fri & Sat, $10 Sun. $10 stdnts & srs. Phoenix Theatre, 801 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

A Tribute to the Memory of You by Denny Hamann. Emotionally-charged musical about a gay man's life. Norwood Productions. At Jenner Playhouse, north of SF, near the Russian River (on the coast, Hwy 1). Sat 2/2 & 9 at 8 pm, Sun matinee on 2/3 & 10 at 3 pm. $6 at door. Info/res: (707) 865-2905.

Temptation by dissident playwright & Czechslovakian president Vaclav Havel. An absurdist re-telling of the Faust legend. Tells the story of one man's attempt to preserve the individuality of the human spirit in the face of institutional bureaucracy. Previews 2/6-9, opens 2/12, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 3/17. Magic Theatre production. Magic Theatre Northside, Ft Mason Bldg D, SF. Tix $20 Sat, $19 Fri, $17 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 preview, $11 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 441-8001.

Two Lost in the Filthy Night by Plinio Marcos, translated by Elzbieta Szoka. North American production of the contemporary Brazilian drama, bilingual production. Exit Theatre production. Previews 2/21 & 22, opens; 2/23, runs Thurs-Sat thru 3/16; 3/7 is a "pay what you can" performance, 3/8 is a signed performance for the hearing impaired. Tix $8 previews, $12 opening night, $10 gen'l. Info/res: 673-3847. Exit Theatre, 366 Eddy St btwn Jones & Leavenworth, SF.

Haiku Tunnel and **Josh Kornbluth's Daily World** by Josh Kornbluth. Comedian & storyteller Kornbluth in a solo performance. "Haiku Tunnel" relates the adventures of a male secretary. "Daily World" is the true tale of growing up a "red diaper baby" in New York. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 2/17. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Ned, by David Barth. One-man piece performed by Leonard Pitt. Set in the style of a 30's gangster movie—A man confronts his wife's death—was she a suicide, or was she murdered by the North Side gang?—Ned battles the underworld of his psyche as he vows to annihilate his enemies. Life on the Water Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8:30 pm (no show 2/3) thru 2/10. Tix $10 & $12. Discounts for stdnts & srs, limited free tix available for people with AIDS. Info/res: 776-8999. Life on the Water, Fort Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF.

Founding Fathers by Shane Carroll. "Off the record" portraits of national heroes, set to parallel today's political situation—set in 1776, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, John Hancock & Betsy the maid get together at Hancock's house to set the national agenda. Opens 2/6, runs Thurs-Sun thru 2/24. $8 Thurs & Sun, $10 Fri & Sat. For showtimes, reservations & other info call 626-3311. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St btwn 15th & 16th, SF.

Will It Pop? A Trilogy for Late-Night Neurotics by solo artist Ruven Hannah. An eclectic mix of Commedia dell'arte, European street theater, mime, performance art, physical theater, puppetry & Klowning; comprised of 3 individual pieces, "After All, My Heart Beats", "Dr Purple-Lova" and "Will It Pop?" 10:30 pm Thurs-Sat thru 2/23. Sat performances benefit Shanti, Project Open Hand & AIDS Emergency Fund. Tix $9 Thurs & Fri, $11 Sat. Info/res: 626-9196. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF.

Beyond Brooklyn by Sara Felder. Solo performance work, a unique blend of juggling & object-manipulation, with monologues & storytelling. Relates the "bicoastal existential crisis" of a 30 year old woman who cannot decide to eat a bagel or a croissant. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/9. Tix $5-8 SL on Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St at 20th, SF. Info/res: 641-0235. Tix also available thru STBS & Modern Times Bookstore (968 Valencia St, SF).

We Keep Our Victims Ready by Karen Finley. Finley's most recent performance piece has its West Coast premiere at Ft Mason Ctr. Piece moves from savage humor to agonizing grief as it explores a spectrum of societal abuses including rape, alcoholism, children with AIDS, Roe v Wade, censorship & the daily oppression of women. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm 2/20-3/3. Tix $16 Wed & Sun, $18 Thurs, Fri & Sat. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.

My Stars musical by Jean Stein. The year is 2050 AD & the earth is devastated almost beyond repair by ecological damage. A "flawed starman" descends into the dream of a young heroine, and they attempt to save the earth. Rasputin Theater Co production. Runs 2/8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 8:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2:30 pm Sun. Marin Community Playhouse, 27 Kensington Rd, San Anselmo. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 658-2594.

An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen. Ibsen's 100 year old drama of environmental & civic pollution runs Fri & Sat thru 2/9. Hillbarn Theatre production. Tix $11 gen'l, $10 srs over 65 & stdnts with valid ID. Info/res: 349-6411. 1285 East Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

Sleepwalker by Krissy Keefer & Laurel Near. A play about addiction & recovery. A blend of dance, theatre & live music; explores the lives of two women & their obsessive behavior as it relates to alcholism, relationship addiction and codependency. Runs 2/1-3 at 8 pm at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door. Info/res: 465-3686.

Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You. Popular one-man show written and performed by Doug Holsclaw. High above the city in his 3-D chamber of pink, Pete Hilton plots murder, revenge & dinner parties while wearing really cute clothes. Theatre Rhino & Sily Girlfriend production. Runs Fri & Sat 2/15-3/30 at 10:30 pm. Tix $9. The Studio at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Global Riot. This new queer comedy improv group (Katie Cronin, Lisa Sanso, Kelly Kittell, Alan Morelli, Richie Crippin, Jim Harmon, Laurie Bushman, Karen Williams, Joe Westerby, Pamela Forrest, Suzy Berger) employs audience participation to produce a hilarious satire of modern life. Runs Thurs-Sun, 2/7-17 at 8:30 pm in the Studio at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Physician in Spite of Himself by Moliere. Pulcinella Players present Moliere's farcical satire on the medical profession. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 2/10. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. On-Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway at Montgomery, SF. Info/res: 362-2565.

The Mystery of Irma Vep by Charles Ludlam. A lunacy-filled mystery of vampires, werewolves, mummies & gender-bending fun, in the style of a British penny dreadful. Eureka Theatre Co production. Runs thru 2/17; Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. 2730 16th St at Harrison, SF. Tix $15 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $17 Fri, $19 Sat. Previews $13, opening night $21. Info/res: 558-9898.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf by Edward Albee. Searing American classic depicting marital savagery. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Runs thru 2/21. For tix & other info call 845-4700. 2025 Addison St, Berkeley.

Sex, Drugs & Apple Pie created & performed by Dorothy Anton. An exploration of contemporary controversial issues. Fellowship Theatre Guild production. Runs Fri & Sat eve at 8 pm thru 3/6. 2041 Larkin St btwn Broadway & Vallejo, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 346-1990.

The Hot I Baltimore by Lanford Wilson. Pulitzer Prize winning drama about a group of unwanted people who find courage & hope amid inner-city despair. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat thru 2/9, 8 pm. Tix $10. Miz Brown's Restaurant Theatre, 2565 Mission St at 21st, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.

Doug Holsclaw takes "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You" to the Studio at Theatre Rhino this month.

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AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Parking & assisted access available. Call 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides night-time emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-1 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Tues 7-9 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 252-1902.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

The AIDS Screening Clinic at District Health Ctr #2, 1301 Pine St nr Ellis, SF. Call for appt: 621-4858.

ARC Drop-In Group for people with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Health Ctr #1, 3850 17th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Room 201. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men & women testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends. For info on drop-in groups call Marsha Blachman, LCSW 596-6305; for info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW 596-6344, for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Service Thru Touch offers massage for PWAs who are hospitalized, or live in Shanti residences or Coming Home Hospice. Massage referral for PWAs also available, at very low SL fee. Info: 664-6904 Tues, Wed & Fri, 12:30-3:30 pm.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necesssary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families, friends & loved ones. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek. PWA & HIV-impacted support groups, outreach & education. For info or to volunteer: 932-AIDS.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

The Ctr for Attitudinal Healing supplements traditional health care by providing an environment in which both adults & children may actively participate in healing of life-threatening illnesses. Free support groups are offered to people with AIDS & ARC, to their families & friends, & to the "worried well." Pre-reg required. Info: 435-5022.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 574-6978.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Contra Costa County AIDS Interfaith Network. Info: 827-2960.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers treatment for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ using traditional Chinese herbs selected for anti-viral & immune enhancing properties. Program is directed by Michael Young & Louis Coll and run in cooperation with UCSF & the Institute for Traditional Medicine. Also offers work exchange program, free monthly acupuncture sessions & quarterly research reports. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local), (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for

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HIV + Lesbians Support Group: spons by Iris Project. Call 864-2364 for info.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Caregivers Call-In: for health professionals & volunteers. Provides free telephone consulting on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Call 882-2411. Spons by the CareGivers Project.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: David Hoefer, LCSW or Bettye Travis 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: offers free simple wills & powers of attorney for people with AIDS or ARC, & other AIDS related legal services; including Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic. 114 Sansome St, Ste 1103, SF 94104. Info: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

PWA/PWARC Switchboard: staffed by people with AIDS & ARC. Please call if you're in need of advice, looking for info, confused & anxious or depressed. We want to help. Staffed Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. At other times leave message. Info: 861-7309.

AIDS Support Group for people with AIDS, spons by St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF. Free. Info: Kevin Rist, MD 750-5815 or Daniel Ostrow 750-5733.

AIDS Mastery Workshops: empowering, healing, supportive, and loving weekends for those affected either physically or emotionally by HIV. For more information, call Scott Eaton at 648-6365.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, "buddies", spiritual gatherings, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

Asian AIDS Project offers info & education to individuals & groups in SF. Information can be given in English, Cantonese, Mandarin & Vietnamese. 300 4th St, (corner of Folsom & 4th), Ste 401, SF. Info: Lori Lee 227-0946.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: Kiki Ching, LCSW 558-2507.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

AIDS Information BBS: (415) 626-1246 24 hours. 2400/1200/300 baud. Sysop Ben Gardiner. Free, all welcome. Statistics from Atlanta & SF displayed, updated regularly. Sample Q & A about AIDS, based on clinic & phone exchange experience. Mail send/receive on AIDS only. Library of hard-to-find & out-of-print matter here for downloading from screen. Uploads by appt on another line. Voice phone: 626-1245. Calls to this BBS never disturb anyone.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

Move on AIDS trains caregivers to protect their own back as they help people with AIDS move effectively in and around their bed. 2½ hr wkshop teaches body mechanics, transfer skills, exercises to teach PWA/PWARCs. Info: 648-7274.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

AIDS Healing Wkshop: well-established, free wkly discussion group built around the question, "What have you been doing for yourself that represents healing for you?" Focus on healing methods, techniques & alternatives. Open to anyone dealing with the AIDS virus. Thurs nights, 7-9 pm in USF campus ministry lounge, Golden Gate Ave btwn Masonic Parker, SF. Facilitated by Glenna Morea & Richard McCormack. Info: 567-7126.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

We've Now Got The Time: group for bright, gregarious, humorous guys with HIV who are "early retired" andnow have time to meet other nice guys for walks in the park, museum trips, concerts, lunch, etc. For info call 564-6112.

HIV + *Social Group* meets every 3rd Sat of the month. Diamond Heights condo, SF. 7-10 pm. Info: 824-3370.

AIDS/ARC/HIV + Social Group for men. Meets Wed 6-9 pm in the Castro area. Info: Michael Smith 550-1957.

Postives Being Positive: peer support group for people who have tested positive to HIV. Ongoing, wkly mtgs in private homes. Spons by the AIDS Health Project. No fee. Info: 476-3902.

POW (Positive Opportunities for Wellness) Support Group for HIV+, ARC or AIDS wonderful people. Thurs 7:30-9:30 pm, free, donations accepted. Spiritual, mental & emotional sharing for self-healing in a friendly environment. Refreshments served. Spons by the Baird Institute. Info/res: Randy Shepard 285-3561.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th ST at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Bisexual & Heterosexual Men's HIV Group meets Wed. Free. Spons by SF AIDS Foundation. Info: Christopher Alexander 864-5855, ext 2511.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Passive Immunotherapy (PATH): AIDS maintenance therapy in which plasma from health HIV+ donors is given to recipients with AIDS/ARC. For nfo about PATH write the PATH Project, Passive Immunotherapy Foundation, 1748 Market St, SF 94102 or call 626-8455.

Visual AID: Artists for AIDS Relief: call 391-9663 for info. 530 Bush St, Ste 403, SF 94108.

HIV Positive Lesbians: support group spons by the Iris Project. Break thru isolation, learn new skills, get info, discover alternatives. Get assistance in maintaining sobriety. Call 864-2364 for intake appt/info. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Women with HIV Concerns: free, confidential counseling available thru Iris Project. Call Nehoma 864-2364 for an appt/info.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Thurs at 5:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

Immune Enhancement Program: nonprofit clinic offers low-cost acupuncture for everyone, and ongoing research studies on HIV treatment with Chinese herbal therapies and other non-toxic approaches to HIV management and early intervention. Free lectures & videos on herbal therapies for HIV every Tues at 7 pm. Pre-reg required, call 252-8711, Mon-Fri, noon-6 pm.

Grief Support Group for people, family & friends having lost a special person, significant other or life partner to AIDS or related illness. Ongoing, confidential grief support group spons by Vesper Hospice. Mon eves, 7-8:30 pm. 311 MacArthur Ave, San Leandro. Info: Nancy Sobonya 632-4390 (days).

Self-Healing Wkshop: ongoing workshops open to people who are HIV positive & people who have AIDS/ARC. Caregivers, friends & lovers are welcome. Focus on meditative & stress management techniques, with discussion centering around the question, "What have you been doing for yourself that represents healing for you?" Eclectic approach, participants share ideas. Spons by AIDS Health Project. Info: Erik Wheaton 476-3900. Wkshop facilitated by Richard McCormack. Mondays, 7-9 pm, Davies Medical Ctr, SF. In the Gazebo Room.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

PEN American Ctr Grant Fund provides assistance to writers & editors with AIDS. $500-$1000 grants. Writers do not have to be members of PEN, but must be published writers or produced playwrights, or editors. Writers will be asked to submit samples of their works, and editors, a professional curriculum vitae. Applications for grant money are reviewed every 6 weeks, small awards may be available more quickly. For info/application call (212) 334-1660; for donations send to: PEN AIDS Fund, PEN American Ctr, 568 Broadway, NY NY 10012.

Mental Health Grand Rounds spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project as a public service to the AIDS caregivers community. Monthly series educates professionals & others in various psychosocial issues related to the AIDS epidemic & HIV infection. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Info: 476-6430.

Therapists Support Group for those whose major focus is AIDS/HIV. Spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services & Shanti Project. For information call Jody Reiss, LCSW at JFCS, 561-1241 or Gail Winston, MFCC at Shanti Project, 777-2273.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 626-6763.

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr. 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay/lesbian community. Info: 347-0473.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Dianic Witch Coven for lesbians working on recovery. Info: write Sami, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA mtgs at San Antonio Community Development District House, 2228 East 15th St, Oakland. Sat 10:30 am. Info or to confirm time/mtg place, call 536-1715.

Alanon for Black Gay & Lesbian ACAs: Thurs 7:30 pm, Bethany United Methodist Church Social Hall, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper (enter on Clipper, 1st mtg on 5/10). Info: 995-2581.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for Children of Color. Thurs 4:30-5:30 pm. Build self-esteem, learn to express feelings in safe environment. SL fee to $5. ACCEPT, 1287 11th Ave at Irving, SF. Info: Mary Jayne 681-2500.

Youth Prevention/Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers: Thurs 6-7:30 pm, free. Family & individual counseling available. Info: ACCEPT 681-2500.

Alanon/ACA Mtg at Rest Stop for people dealing with AIDS/ARC or HIV+. See AIDS Resources or call 621-REST.

Al-Anon for Gay Men and Women meets Tues, 8 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush & Gough Sts, SF. Al-anon is made up of people who have been deeply affected by alcoholism in a family member, lover or friend. Info/list of SF Al-Anon mtgs: 626-5633.

Lesbians & Gay Men Alanon Family Group meets 8 pm in the Library at Cathedral House, California at Taylor, SF. Nonsmoking. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm mtg place & time.

Adult Children of Alcoholics for Gay Men: Al-Anon Family Group meets Thurs, 8 pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 626-5633, call to confirm place & time.

ACA Gay/Lesbian 12 Step Mtg: Wed 8 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. For info on this & other ACA mtgs: 931-2262.

Alanon for Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics meets 6:30 pm, Bethany Methodist Church, corner of Clipper & Sanchez, SF. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm place & time.

The Recovery Project: therapy group for co-dependent gay men meets wkly, 4-month commitment required. $20 fee, SL available. Spons by ODS (Orthodox Diocesan Services). Info: 563-8514.

Our Common Welfare Alanon Mtg: Thurs 6:30-7:45 pm at Dolores St Community Ctr, 208 Dolores nr 15th, SF. The goal of this mtg, which grew out of the "recovering from my racist attitudes" workshop at the 1990 Living Sober Conference, is to provide a safe place to talk about & explore racial attitudes within the framework of the 12-Step program.

Friday Night Gay Men's Step Study Alanon Family Group Mtg: (open) 8 pm, 217 Church St, SF. Info: Call to confirm place & time 626-5633.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in Recovery from Drug Addiction Group—see Incest & Battery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Overeaters Anonymous gay, lesbian, bisexual mtg (open to all). Sun eves 7-8:30 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Danvers & Caselli, SF.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 821-4642.

Gay Male Drop-in Group for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns, see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern/Operation Recovery.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Tues eves 7-9 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Marijuana Anonymous: Fri 7:30 pm, MCC-SF 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Marin Al-Anon for gay men & women: Wed 8:30 pm. Info: 924-3430.

Gay Men with Sexual Compulsive Behavior: wkly group lasting approx 9 months. Focus on concerns relating to sexually compulsive behavior. Mon 5:30-6:30 pm at Operaton Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. For info/intake appt call 626-7000.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: ongoing self-help groups meets Fri eves in SF. Occasional openings available, 12-wk commitment. Info: Jay 239-0585.

Sexual Compulsivity: a group for lesbians. Gain a richer understanding & acceptance of sexual addiction issues. SF location. Info: SJ Kahn 532-8866, Nan Schlosberg 282-9831.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

1991 Lesbian Fiction Contest spons by Spinsters Book Company. Deadline 2/28/91. For guidelines & other info write Spinsters Book Company, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141.

GAWK, a quarterly magazine of the arts, seeks submissions of art & writing relating to the experience of being gay, from all social/cultural/gender perspectives. Info: PO Box 31431 SF, CA 94131, 864-5434

Bay Area Bisexual Network Magazine seeks submissions from bisexuals on such topics as coming out, living with HIV, invisibility, alternative lifestyles, etc. Submissions from people of color, of age, different abilities, especially welcome. Fiction & poetry accepted. Send to: BABN, 2404 California St #24, SF 94115.

Women's Videos Wanted: women produced/directed videos sought for upcoming video showcase at La Pena Cultural Ctr in Berkeley. Deadline: 2/6. For more info call 664-4680 or 864-1635.

"Bonehead & Betty: Stories of Butch Recovery, An Anthology". Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissins from lesbians for their current project. Also interested in stories & articles re femme roles & gender fuck. Send submissions to Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366 for more info.

Interviewing Lesbian Couples for book on lesbian marriage. Couples who've had a public ceremony or have chosen not to have a ceremony, or who have performed ceremonies or would like to write a critical piece on the subject of lesbian marriage are invited to contact Suzanne Sherman 267-5606 or 530-7559.

Lenguas Press seeks erotica. Lenguas, a Latina feminist group, welcomes quality articles, stories, poems, & photos on erotica. English, Spanish or Portuguese submissions welcome. Open to all regardless of sexual preference or gender. Please send contributions/queries SASE to PO Box 151455, San Diego CA 92175.

Writers & Visual Artists Sought: A Different Light Bookstore accepting submissions from interested lesbian & feminist artists working in fiction-writing, spoken word performance and/or visual mediums. Send all inquiries (slides, proposals, stories) to the attention of Darrell-Lynn Alvarez, Series Coordinator, 489 Castro St, SF 94114.

Sexual/Erotic Photography: SF gay photographer Mark I Chester seeks outrageous, cutting edge sexual/erotic photography by gay men, lesbians and others, to be exhibited at his Folsom St studio during PhotoScape '91 (10-day citywide photography fest, 5/31-6/9). Drop note with SASE, contact phone number, description of work and non-original samples or xerox. Send to POB 42501, SF 94101 or call 621-6294.

New Langton Arts & the Multicultural Arts Consortium announce their 6th Annual Artists' Project Grants Program for individuals & groups of artists working in interdisciplinary & collaborative art forms. Approx 10 grants totalling $45,000 will be awarded. Artists must live in Northern Calif (from Monterey to Fresno, north). For application forms & guidelines send SASE (legal-sized envelope) to New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF 94103. Deadline: 3/2.

Gay Siblings Anthology seeks manuscripts, especially in narrative or interview form, telling significant, humorous, tragic or poignant stories of lesbians & gay men with their gay siblings. Nonfiction essays of all types will be considered. Send SASE to Don & Molly Martin, 1016 E. 7th St, Olympia, WA 98501. Deadline: 7/1.

Public Art Works Artist Project has 4 artist project grants available for temporary outdoor visual art installations about railroads for its "On Site 1991" series. Priority given to projects that address some aspect of the railroad, and include geographical, historical or sociological considerations. Installations to be constructed on outdoor public site in Marin County, 9/15-11/30. Each grant includes $1500 honorarium and up to $4000 for materials, travel & housing provided for out-of-town artists. If interested, send appropriate examples of previous work completed in last 3 years, must include 10 slides and/or video or cassette tape, resume, brief letter of interest and SASE for materials return. Deadline: 3/1. For prospectus/further details send SASE to Public Art Works, PO Box 150435, San Rafael, CA 94915-0435 or contact Judy Moran 457-9744.

► FUN & GAMES

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights

Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Haas-Lilienthal House Tours: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.

Cruisin' the Castro from a historical perspective. Learn about SF lesbian/gay history from the Gold Rush to present. Led by longtime resident Trevor Hailey. Tour lasts approx 2 hrs. Meet Sundays (except 1st Sun of month) at 12:30 pm at Harvey Milk Plaza, SF. Info: 550-8110.

Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

Making Waves: group meets for a nonstructured, private, large women's swim in the Eastbay. See Sports for details.

► HEALTH

Women's Clinic at District Health Ctr#1 provides medical screening for cancer of the breast, thyroid & cervix, and STDs. Confidential. SL. 3850 17th St, SF. Info: 558-3905.

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 2480 Mission nr 21st St, SF. Info/appt: 641-0220.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Mon 7-9 pm. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in. Support Groups: Drop-in Support Group, 1st & 3rd Wed of month, 6:30-8 pm; for women who have had cancer, facilitated by cancer survivors. Post-Treatment Women's Support Group: Mon; for women who have gone thru the initial crisis & have already completed their prescribed treatment, call to reserve space. Family & Friends of Women with Cancer group—1st & 3rd Thurs, 7:30-9 pm; meet men & women who are providing support to women with cancer. Spouses, lovers, friends, daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, & work colleagues are welcome; please call before coming to group. Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Friends of Lesbians with Cancer—every other Mon, 7:30-9 pm; focus on issues specific to lesbian health & illness. Group for Women with Recurrent Metastatic or ongoing Cancer—Fri; share experience of living with a life-changing illness; call ctr for info. Guided Imagery for Women with Cancer—group meets Sun. Teaches relaxation techniques to reduce fear, create healing visualization, access inner sources of support; call ctr for info. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-WCRC, or write POB 11235, Oakl, 94611.

The Wellness Community provides free services to cancer patients & their families in SF & the East Bay. Psychological, emotional, social & educational support. Info: 933-0107 or write PO Box 4250, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Robert Louie Cancer Support Group of SF provides social & emotional support to children with cancer, their parents & siblings. Info: 775-5921.

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

► HOBBIES

SF Gay Video Club: group of gay men & women who own or use video cameras to produce our own videos. All formats welcome. Twice monthly mtg. Field trips. Free. For info write SF Gay Video Club, PO Box 14414, SF 94114.

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 221-8518, Gail 665-8346.

Women's Reading Group for Women Over 40: Meet to read feminist novels, poetry, etc. SF location. Info: Eliza 681-0637 eves & wkends.

Heliotrope, Sonoma County Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets to discuss novels. For info/location: Michael (707) 577-0551.

Discussion Group: variety of topics. Meets Sun at 7 pm. Info/location: 626-1468.

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, Bay Area chapter, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning about the hobby & group call Bill 821-2666.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay people interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: 352-0301.

Gay Group Massage: small, informal gathering for giving & receiving massage in a safe, warm, fun setting. All levels welcome. For gay men under 50 years old. Send SASE with name & phone number to George, PO Box 590790, SF 94159.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets 2nd Wed eves of each month. Info/location: Larry 647-0637.

Lesbian Cartoonists welcome female fellow twisted souls for support. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 6 pm. Info: JD 835-8388, or Roxxie 733-2149.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle—see Performance Arts.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project provides direct services for male victims of domestic violence. 24-hr report hotline. Spons by CUAV. Call 864-7233 for help.

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Info, referral, peer counseling. Info: 386-GAYS or POB 846, SF 94101.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call 841-6224.

AIDS & ARC Switchboard: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm; 861-7309.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

Marin AIDS Services Network (MASN) 24-hour info line: 457-AIDS.

CareGivers Call-In: free telephone consultation on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. For health professionals & volunteers. Call 882-2411 Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Spons by The CareGivers Project.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 558-4901.

Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. ½ hour consultation, $20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.

Physician/Dental Referrals provided by BAPHR (Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights): free referrals for the lesbian & gay community. Info: 673-3189.

Southbay Gay Hotline: info, referrals, peer counseling. (408)293-4525, (408) 293-AGAY.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Berkeley Free Clinic offers medical, dental, counseling & housing support services. For info call switchboard 548-2570.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers special clinics: gen'l rights counseling Mon 6:30-8:30 pm in the Haight, 1833 Page, SF. Downtown (660 California St) clinic specializes in evictions, Rent Board procedures & leases; Thurs 5:30-8:30 pm. Info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call 836-4826 countywide).

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Dept. of Public Health. Hotline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

California Runaway Hotline provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

Gay/Lesbian Speakers Bureau spons by GAYLESTA (Gay/Lesbian Mental Health Therapists of the Bay Area). Offers educational speakers & videotapes. Info: Judy Schavrien 648-1318.

Computer Bulletin Board spons by Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Ministry. Gay/lesbian, church, AIDS & community issues. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. "Breaking Walls, Building Bridges", 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support

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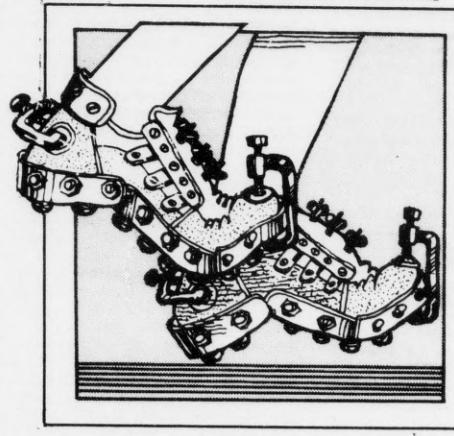

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groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 264 Valencia, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Incest Survivors Anonymous: We are no longer alone, we have each other. Incest Survivors Anonymous is a 12-step program that enables incest survivors to break out of the victim role & the nightmare of terror, guilt & confusion. Closed mtg for survivors & pro-survivors. Original perpetrators of incest or rape or victims who later became initiators do not attend ISA mtgs. Initiation is determined by intent. Mtgs for women & men: Sun 7-8:30 pm; Mon, Tues & Thurs 7:30-9 pm. For women: Wed 7:30 pm, Sat at 11 am. For locations & other info call 359-2070 anytime.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in recovery from drug addiction. Group offered by Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Drug Detox Project. Call Holly Gold, MSW or Pam Kirby 565-1908. Free.

First-time group for lesbian survivors of incest & childhood molestation. Must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Mon 1:30-3 pm, SL fee. Info: Alesia Kunz at Operation Concern 626-7000.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Counseling for Battered Gay Men: Is the hand that holds you in public the hand that strikes you in private? CUAV (Community United Against Violence) offers free individual counseling & support groups for you. Call 864-3112, or 864-7233 (24-hr hotline). Call us, we can help.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Lesbian Drop-In Group: spons by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay Fathers/SF Bay Area a support group for gay men of all ages dealing with issues of parenting. Monthly supper mtgs with discussion, plus social events & outings with kids. Info: 759-5122. Newcomers welcome!

A Different Breed: social group for families with dual, single or multiple parents who identify outside the mainstream (biseuxal, lesbian, gay, transsexual, etc) meets monthly. Info: Susan 524-0574.

Expanded Family Network supports committed, loving, multi-partner relationships, with possibilities for shared child-rearing & combined economic support. Resource center, discussion, support & networking in a safe, friendly environment for women & men of all sexual preferences. Montly potlucks, weekly social events. NOT a swinger's organization, therapy group or dating club. Info: 995-2607.

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke 893-1953, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Lesbian Mothers of Teenage & Adult Children group: call 626-7109 for info.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop: social group for mid-Peninsula-SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.

Lesbian Parent Group meets Mon eves at 7 pm. All types of lesbian parents are welcome to join this small, informal group. For location & other info: 861-0545.

Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support; exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 251-8766, events hotline (408) 293-4525.

Lesbian Non-custodial Mothers Group. write Cricket, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119 for info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to J Baer, Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883 or 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," & "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," groups. Call Lyon-Martin 641-0220 for info.

East Bay Lesbian Parents support/social group. Call Toni 652-8183 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamater, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 239-3660 (days).

Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

The AIDS Family Project offers ongoing group for teenagers (14-19) who have HIV-infected family members. Info: Stacey Shuster, PhD at Operation Concern 626-7000.

Lesbian Mothers/Persian Gulf Crisis: Lesbian mothers of sons or daughters serving in the armed services in the Persian Gulf get together for support & talk. Gay fathers also welcome. Info: 239-5692.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Fri at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Thom Bean, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Men of All Colors Together, Greater Bay Area: gay interracial organization that supports all relationships & cultural uniqueness. Social, political & cultural awareness programs & events. Info: Lee 261-7922.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color, focus group of Queer Nation. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Interracial Relationship Social Mixers/Wkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly, 7-10 pm, $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; 548-8283.

Black Lesbian Support Group for Black lesbians in multicultural relationships. Meets 1st Sun of each month. Oakland location/accessible. Info: 839-3302 or 653-5732.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda 465-2573.

Multicultural Lesbian Writers Group: call 995-2730 for details.

Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Japanese Lesbian Group: Nihongo o Bokokugo to suru Lesbian no Group. Maitsuki Daini Nichiyobi Meeting Ari. Denwa (Yoru) 563-8253.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A social & community service organization for gay Latinos & friends. Info: 695-0644 or write PO Box 590276, SF 94159-0276.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sun of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 482-5920 or write 370 Turk St #36, SF 94103.

Asian Pacific Sisters: an organization of Asian Pacific lesbians & bisexual women. APS provides its members with an atmosphere where they can openly share their experience. APS includes women of various Asian heritage, including Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese & others; and sponsors picnics, potluck dinners, softball games & over events. For upcoming business/social events call 750-3385. All Asian/Pacific lesbian & bisexual women are welcome!

Vietnamese Lesbian & Gay Support Group: safe, supportive environment for lesbian & gay men to talk & share experiences in Vietnamese. Discussion topics include: coming out to Vietnamese family & friends, relationships, health & safe sex practices; racial, gender & sexual stereotypes. Addt'l topics chosen at mtgs. Confidentiality respected. Group meets every 3rd Sun in SF, 3-5 pm, every first Sun in San Jose, 3-5 pm. Info: Dung Nguyen (women) or Tony Nguyen (men) at 771-7256, 7-9 pm Mon-Fri or write: Vietnamese L/G Support Group, c/o Asian Pacific Alliance, PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: Donald Masuda 387-0466.

Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual & Korean? Come to monthly, informal get-togethers. Conducted primarily in English, with some bilingual participants. Info: Lori 563-8689.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA/ACA mtgs in the EB & SF—see Addiction Recovery.

Black Gays & Lesbians ACA Group: see Addiction Recovery.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 658-1868.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Bay Area Raw Rahs, a collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group, performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades and festivals. Practices held Sundays for two hours. No experience necessary to become a member. Call Steve Burke 228-7497 for info.

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: 848-5966.

Wry Crips/Disabled Women's Theater Arts. Created & managed by women who have physical, emotional, developmental; multiple & hidden disabilities/chronic illness. Submission of poetry, prose & stories about women living with disability/chronic illness, and those who love them, is accepted on an ongoing basis. Women of color of all ages are especially welcome. Performers, production people & care assistants or board members are welcome. Info/details: 601-5819, or write PO Box 21474, Oakl 94620.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & May. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Nan Washburn, artistic director & associate conductor of BAWP. Info: 543-2297.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Band: performs music from classical to swing, marching to showtunes, full band to duets; at various community events, private parties, etc. Info: 558-9693 or write: BAGAL Band, PO Box 280571, SF 94128-0571.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. Current groups include City Swing, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, SF Flag Corps, SF Tap Troupe, Outlook Video, and The Guild. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble rehearses Tues 7:30-10 pm, in SF. Women who read music, especially women of color, are encouraged to audition. For info call 773-9181. Group is available for performances.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write 2261 Market St#459, SF 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael 525-6723, Bob 863-8268.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; 655-7404.

Ragtime Music Society: club dedicated to promoting ragtime music & friendship among those who appreciate it. Info: Bill Pike 552-4270.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge Collective meets every Thurs to plan women-only, drug, smoke, and alcohol-free art, music, dance & performance events. Meetings open to all women. 6:30 pm. 1451 Stevenson St off 14th, SF. Info: 267-6979.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: Direct action group of queers fighting for our queer rights *now*. Open to all sexual orientations & gender identities. Meets Wed, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Guerrero, SF. For info on mtgs, emergency activations & future actions call 985-7141.

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action)—focus group of Queer Nation. Lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Info: Rachel 626-9493, 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color, a focus group of Queer Nation. See People of Color listings for more info.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For mtg time/location & for upcoming actions, call 464-3072.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call 647-7019.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 2370 Market St, Box 38, SF 94114. Gen'l membership mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, 2nd floor.

Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI), an activist & educational group fighting for lesbian & gay liberation. Primary area of work is against US involvement in El Salvador, Nicarauga & Central America, as well as solidarity work with lesbian & gay liberation groups in Latin America. For more info/mtg schedule call 821-9087 or 346-0647.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Radical Multicultural Feminist Bisexual Network: political action/discussion group. WA, SIGN available. Info: Pata 567-6883.

Bisexual Feminist Men's Group: Bi men addressing feminism in their lives thru political action/discussion/theater. Paul 731-7648.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Alice B Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets every 2nd Mon of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-3296.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) meets 3rd Thurs of each month, 7:30 pm, 655 14th St, SF. To confirm location & for other call Barbara 285-5078.

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Peninsula Business & Professional Association: gay/lesbian group meets 4th Tues of the month at Mercury Savings & Loan Community Room, 99 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (across from Stanford Park Hotel, north of Stanford Shopping Ctr). 7-8 pm get acquainted hour, 8-9 pm program, 9-10 pm social.

Southbay BANGLE meets every 2nd Wed, of month, 7-9 pm at De Frank Community Ctr in San Jose. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

GAYLESTA, organization of gay, lesbian & bisxual psychotherapists. Professional networking, internal & external education, and social events. Info: Don 339-8077.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 695-9174.

Differently-Employed Women: network for women dedicated to creating sane, joyful & abundant livelihood. For newsletter, mtg schedule or other info call Tori Bogart 750-0946 or Susan Summerfield 648-2908.

Gay & Lesbian Planners Assoc: professional organization for lesbian & gay planners & allied professionals. Provides opportunity for networking & socializing in an informal setting. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: PO Box 528, SF 94101 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

The Golden Gate Connection: a social club for chubbies & chasers. Ongoing activities, monthly parties, newsletter & more. Info 871-7870 or write GGC, PO Box 2328, Daly City, 94017.

Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG) meets once monthly in the S.

Bay for a potluck. Open to all women who want to make new contacts & renew old ones. Info: FLSG, POB 70933, Sunnyvale 94086.

Grupo Sociocultural Hispano, gay & lesbian. El grupo se reune los viernes o sabados segunados del mes, haiga comida o bevidos. Se espera que todos habla Espanol, principiantes bien venidos. Informacion Armando 641-1868.

Der Deutsche Freundschatkreis hat seinen naechsten Potluckparty am dritten Freitag dieses Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse daran haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Rufe Don unter 329-1438 an. Bis bald!

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Russian Group: serious Ruscophiles with a sense of humor & a sincere desire to speak Russian. Novice to native speakers welcome. 3rd Sun of each month, call 647-3325 for time/location.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $15. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Stanford Lesbian & Gay Alumni: group for Bay Area Stanford alumni. Theater, outings, parties & other activities. Come join us! For info write SLAG, PO Box 460632, SF 94146-0632 call Dick 648-5836.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed 6:30-8:30 pm in Berkeley (ASUC Bldg, Douglas Fir Room). All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info: Mark 549-2238 or Betsy 845-7441.

BiFriendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902. Liz 857-1044.

BiFriendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Lavendar Switch-hitters: Group for bisexuals who were lesbian or gay, and still feel a part of, and participate in the lesbian/gay community. Info: 468-3369.

Klub Kross: bisexual social group for naturally female-looking men and naturally male-looking women. We're sane, clean, attractive, non-bigoted, intelligent, health-conscious and definitely out of the closet! Info: 468-3369.

Lavendar Hill Mob: a social club for married men, bisexuals & masculine gay guys. Info: 369-1610 or write David, PO Box 610055, Redwood City, CA 94061.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX): an organization for gay men, offering social, athletic, philantrophic, cultural & travel activities. Info: Tim Bause, MAX, 564 Mission St, SF, Ste 127, 94105.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of every month in Yountville. Come socialize, meet new friends, network, check bulletin board. Info: Cassandra (707) 944-8081.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call 644-3302 or 841-6032 for info/location.

Alameda Neighborhood Lesbians Group: meet other women who live in Alameda, for movies, biking, walks, get-togethers, etc. Come find out who your neighbors are! Info: 865-7811.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: 832-5609.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.

CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.

Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.

Left Brain Lesbians: a social club for the shamelessly inquisitive. Contact Susan 334-1828 for info.

Brainy-Artsy Gals: for relationship-oriented single women in the arts or interested in the arts, and looking for like-minded friends. Parties/events. Call 824-4401.

Dog Lovers Group for folks interested in walking our dogs together, pooch picnics, dog play sessions, or other fun activities with our pets. Eastbay location. Small dogs welcome. Info: 486-0615.

Theatre Women: group goes on monthly theatre trip. Performance decided upon by group. Women interested in the theater are welcome. Info: Shannon 588-1850.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

SF Social Group for Women interested in meeting other lesbians with various interests. Group meets for socials, potlucks, movies, weekend outings, etc. Singles & couples welcome. Info: Alicia 681-5815.

Lost Feminists Social Group meets bimonthly for discussions & outings. Focus on building feminist community thru tolerance of diversity. A group of "younger" lesbians open to all wimmin. Info: Lisa 647-3444.

Lesbians Welcoming Women to SF: join group for food & fun on the 3rd Thurs of each month at Artemis Cafe, 23rd & Valencia, SF, at 7:30 pm.

Jewish Lesbian Social/Cultural Group meets in SF, call Laura 864-1635 for info.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Jews Group: call Laurie 365-6039 for details.

Now We've Got The Time: social group for gay men with HIV, see AIDS Resources for info.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Beit Shekhinah Congregation: inspired by the feminine principle & Jewish sacred art. Creative, egalitarian Judaism. Meets in the Eastbay at Hillside Church, El Cerrito. For info: Rabbi Leah Novick 451-6437.

Jewish Lesbians & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, EB location. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 653-8745, 531-5465.

Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moon to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Info: Lupa 751-8918.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, 420-1454, for info on current & upcoming events.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 8:30 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednes-days, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 1 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: 465-8652.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 am. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Acceptance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks. 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: 861-1434.

Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics, friends & families celebrate the Eucharist. Dignity's here for good! Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Sun 5:30 pm. Info: 255-9244.

Dignity/East Bay: a faith community of lesbian & gay Catholics, our families & friends. For times & locations call 995-2535. Also raps, social events.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns-SF: a supportive community of gay & non-gay Presbyterians who worship together: 5 pm 2nd Sun of month at (starting Jan) Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St nr 24th, SF. Also "Claiming Our Bible" study group, every 3rd Mon in Oakl; plus social activities & retreats. PL/GC works to educate & transform the church into a more loving & inclusive place. Info: Dick 338-7396, 268-9534 or Susan 282-3842.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:30 & 7 pm, 48 Belcher St, SF. Info: 626-6300.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. AIDS Chaplaincy Team available. Pastor: Rev Jodi G. Safier. Info: 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: 827-2960.

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. Rev Coni Staff, pastor. 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939. Info: 927-2018.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Charistmatic Fellowship: support group for gay/lesbian charismatics/pentecostals in SF. Bible Study Fri 7:30 pm. For those tired of "straight" churches that reject because of sexual orientation & "gay" churches that deny the power & gifts of the Holy Spirit. Info: Rev Michael Arbuckle 921-3207.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Hartford Street Zen Ctr, Zen Buddhist Meditation group in the Castro. Zazen daily, 6 am & 6 pm, Mon-Fri. Lecture 10 am Sundays. 57 Hartford St. Info: 863-2507.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship, 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage: is an Episcopal ministry called to advocate justice for lesbian/gay people, and to witness to the Godliness of gay/lesbian love. Central location at 555A Castro St. Mtg space available for rent to 12-Step groups, AIDS support groups, advocacy groups & others. Info: 552-2909.

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Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men , bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Eastern Orthodox Holy Ascension Mission: divine liturgy Sun 10 am; vigil Sat 6:30 pm. Counseling, sick calls, funerals available. Monthly healing service. Chapel at 1671 Golden Gate #2, SF. Info: 563-8514.

Radical Faeries: an eclectic group of gay male witches, wizards, shamans, gypsies, sissies, hippies, Deadheads, pagans, anarchists, magicians, astrologers, you name it; who all share a common love for Mother Earth & celebrate gay male mysteries. Wkly Faerie circles meet Thurs eves at 8 pm, bring instruments & energy! 24-hr info line (Tele-Faerie): SF—(415) 626-3369, Santa Cruz—(408) 427-4545.

Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 5 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: 834-8135. Also discussion, movie & service groups.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

Tayu Fellowship: a Fourth Way spiritual school. Sponsors study group—1st & 3rd Wed of month, 7:30 pm, 2524 Highgate Dr, Richmond, drop-in intro class includes yoga, relational meditation, etc. Also Tayu Yoga & Meditation on Sundays in Sebastopol. For info/directions call (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

Christian Scientists Sunday Meeting Group: bible lesson meeting & fellowship at 1:30 pm, & regularly the third Sun of each month at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. All welcome. Info: 928-2758.

Concord Spirituality Group: rap/social for lesbians & gays exploring issues of spirituality, relationships & sexuality. Alternate Wed mtgs, 7-8 pm. Info: Infinity Store 827-4345.

California Miracles Ctr: dedicated to the study of "A Course in Miracles." Sun morning service at 11:00 am (all welcome). Principles of Healing Study Group: Sun at 9:30 am (all welcome). 2269 Market St at 16th, SF. "A Course in Miracles" Wed eve lecture, meditation & discussion at 7:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin & Geary. Info: 621-2556.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Tues & Thurs, 10 am-5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-8460.

White Light Ministries, a metaphysical, interfaith spiritual organization, meets for Sunday celebrations the first 3 Sundays of each month at 11 am at the Oakland Jewish Community Ctr auditorium, 3245 Sheffield Ave, Oakl; in an atmosphere of love & unconditional acceptance. Barrier-free acess for the differently-abled. Info: 521-1485.

Lesbian Christian Group with female-oriented outlook. Alternative worship service in Oakland. Small, informal group meets to praise Her together. Info/location: 532-3432.

► SPORTS

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Thurs at 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 10 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.

Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 190973, SF 94119-0973 or call 285-1260 eves.

Wilderness Women offer monthly excursions for women. Day hikes & longer trips. Info: Wilderness Women, 5329 Manila Ave, Oakland CA 94618.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

HiMA!: Homosexuals in the Martial Arts: nationwide organization for men & women martial artists. All ranks & styles welcome & encouraged! Info/newsletter: HiMA!, 627½ Oak St, SF CA 94117.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991 or Gary 558-9195.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721 for details.

Gay Tennis Federation: lesbian & gay tennis club. All levels of play welcome. Monthly mtg 7:30 pm, 3rd Mon of each month at Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St, SF. Info: Tom Kelly 552-9595 or write: GTF, 2215-R Market St, Ste 109, SF CA 94114.

BORP (Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program provides & promotes recreation, sports & fitness by & for physically disabled people: wilderness trips, wheelchair sports (sponsor of the local women's wheelchair basketball team—the Bay Area Meteorites), children & youth programs, older adults program. Info: 849-4663 voice/TDD.

Out of Bounds Golfing Club provides support & golf outings, encouragement & companionship to gay men & lesbians of all abilities who enjy golf. Info: 647-3687.

Bay Area Women at the Helm (BAWATH) is a lesbian boating club open to all SF Bay Area women actively engaged in boating. Sailing trips, picnics, brunches, skill-building classes & more. Info: write to BAWATH, c/o Natalie Zarchin, PO Box 3343, Oakland, CA 94609.

Different Spokes, SF: gay & lesbian weekend recreational rides & touring, for all levels. Call 282-1647 for weekly ride, bi-monthly mtg, & social events info.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Women, Motorcycles & Coffee: group for women motorcyclists & coffee lovers. Meet Sat 9 am-noon at Cafe Flore, Market/Noe, SF. Good company, food, drink. Meet new riding partners. Call 826-6011 to confirm time & location.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Southbay Gay & Lesbian Volleyball League. Call (408) 534-1239 for mtg times & other info.

Gay Men's Basketball: Sun at 6 pm, 100 Collingwood St, behind Cala Foods, 18th & Collingwood (in the Castro), SF. Info: Tony 621-2710.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Joe 621-9964.

Berkeley Swim Team: spons swim workouts, competes in lesbian & gay swim meets. East Bay swimmers, novice thru experienced, are welcome to join! Info: Chris 654-9719.

Making Waves: Private, large women's swim every Sun morning, 11 am-1 pm at Albany High School Pool. Nonstructured. Volleyball, lap swimming, play & conversation. There are height/weight requirements, call Linda 526-6206 for info.

The Banshees Lesbian Soccer Team: the only all-lesbian team in the Golden Gate Women's League. Call 655-1189 or 835-1095 for info.

Bay Area She-Hawks Women's Rugby Club invites interested women of all skill levels to join a fun, competetive team. Info: (415) 386-1049 or (408) 736-2894.

SF Women's Flag Football League: meets Sun at 11 am & 1 pm (excluding major holiays), at either Louis Sutter Field or the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park, SF. For location & other info: Michelle Brodie 431-7636.

Castro Volleyball: every Sun 8-10 pm at Eureka Valley Center, SF. Beginning to intermediate levels. Info: Tony Trevers 255-2781.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Rap Group for Gay/Bisexual Men at Pacific Ctr, Mon 7:45pm & Tues 8pm. Followed by coffee & social hour for Gay/Bi men. Men welcome to attend either/both activities. 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Bisexual Women's Rap: you don't need to be bisexual but you MUST be female & willing to discuss bisexuality & related issues. WA & SIGN. Wed, 8-9:45 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Feminist Bisexual Women's Support Group: discussion & support for bisexual women who come from, but feel a little out of place in both the straight & lesbian communities. Mtg every other Sun afternoon in SF. Not a therapy group. Info 626-3910.

Eastbay Feminist Bisexual Support Group: Accepting, informal discussions & support. Meets 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, 7:30-9:30 pm in Berkeley. No fee. Info: Claire 549-9544.

Eastbay Bisexual Feminist Women. Support & social group. Info: Judith 528-5331.

Bisexual Women's Group/Peninsula South Bay: social & discussion group, call Liz 857-1044 for info.

UC Berkeley Bi Rap Group for bi women, men & friends. Support & social group. Info: Mark 644-8078.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

Gay Men's Support Group meets 8-9:30 pm at 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, room 18, San Anselmo. Spons by Ministry of Light. Info: 457-0854 or 457-1115.

Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Married Gay & Bi Men's Rap Group meets Wed at 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in. Info: 841-6224.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.

Gay Men's Support Group in Fairfield. Raps & socials, Thurs 7:30-10 pm. Info: (707) 448-1010 or write PO Box 73, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Fat Dykes Support/Social Group: meets twice monthly, once for potluck, once for discussion. Info: 569-5177, leave name, number, bit of info.

Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather: this group is for you! Call 654-1591 or write: POB 20365 Oakland 94620.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. 2nd Thurs of each month. 8 pm. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather? Call: 654-1591 or write POB 20365 Oakl, 94611.

S/M Lesbian Support/Discussion group. No perfumes or scents. Info/location: 668-4622.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: 654-1591 Eastbay.

Leather S/M Support Group meets Mon 7:30-10 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Open discussion group, with topics. Women & men welcome. Donation requested. Info: Gordon Jones 621-6786.

Society of Janus: educational, support & social club for those interested in consensual, safe, non-exploitative s/m. Open to women & men; straight, bisexual, lesbian & gay. Info: send SASE to Society of Janus, Dept CU, PO Box 6794, SF CA 94101 or call 848-0452.

Oakland/East Bay Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents FLAG) holds support groups for parents, relatives & friends of lesbian & gay people. Info: Betty McCall 547-4657.

Berkeley PFLAG: 1st Wed of each month. Info: Ann 486-0534.

SF PFLAG: 2nd Sun each month, 2 pm. Info: Mary 928-2748.

Mid-Peninsula PFLAG meets 3rd Thurs of each month. Info: Verda 854-0142.

Diablo Valley PFLAG meets every 3rd Tues, info: POB 2174, Martinez, 94553 or call 372-9014.

Southbay PFLAG meets 2nd Wed of each month, San Jose location. Info: Nancy (408) 270-8182.

Marin PFLAG: welcomes & supports parents, spouses, siblings, friends & lesbians & gays to its mtgs. 2nd Wed of every month. Info: 479-3535.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

East Bay Lesbian Rap: fun, relaxed atmosphere—come make new friends! Tues, 8-9:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: MJ 536-7251, Mickey 843-2649, Maja 548-1549.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja 548-1549 or Mickey 843-2649.

Working Class Dykes Writing Group: meets every other week. Write, read together, give support. You don't have to be published to join. Info: 569-5177, leave message.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Christian Women's Support Group, see Spirituality.

Bay Area Sicilian & Italian Lesbians (BASIL): una famiglia di donne meets monthly to provide support & address the cultural & political concerns of Italian American & Sicilian American lesbians, and the difficulties of resisting assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta fix, call Janet 654-3531 (Oakl) or Marisa 731-9302 (SF).

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Coming Out Group for Women in the Eastbay. Women of all ages welcome. Info: 521-1383 (leave message).

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Feminist Women in Recovery: support group for women of all ages, ethnic backgrounds & sexual orientation (no s/m) who are in recovery. Info: Susan 864-5677.

Gay Men's Sexual Phobia Group: explore our chronic sexual phobias & dysfunctins. Focus on impotence & incest. For gay men under 40 years old. SF location. Info: write Sex Group, 584 Castro St, Ste 275, SF 94114-2588.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Small, Etc, a club for men who are ashamed of their size, and other gay men who are "normal", but understanding. Group offers support, connection with others. For newsletter & other info send SASE to Small, Etc, PO Box 294, Bayside NY 11361.

The Caring Coterie: a group for men having environmental sensitivities. Share resources, remedies, & support in a "safe" and accessible Oakland space. Info: Ray 763-0235.

Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.

Gay Writers Support Group & wkshop for gay men actively engaged in writing. Writers asked to submit 10 pages of their work. No fee. SF mtgs, 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 861-2385.

Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 4 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call

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BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

Scud Rock

While at the I-Beam recently to see the techno/industrial synth warriors from Canada, *Frontline Assembly*, I began to ponder at length the slam-pit, a ritualistic crowd formation occurring at live musical performances near the stage. It's a pocket of blurry high speed action characterized by aggressive dance patterns, hard physical contact and territorial competitiveness. Some may consider the birth of the slam-pit to be the pogo-ing pantomime of nihilism we witnessed at the feet of a sneering Jonny Rotten in '77 on *60 Minutes*. I'm of the belief that the post-Punk hardcore scene of the early '80s in L.A. spawned this phenomenon. Seminal Punks pretended to hurt each other, L.A. punks broke bones and were frighteningly happy about it, just waiting to rejoin a pit in the near future with a cast on. Damage was the message, but self-destruction seemed the overall intention of the entire scene. I hate L.A. too, but the first time I saw *Black Flag* and witnessed an actual slam-pit, I felt the pure horror that growing up there and hating it seemed to produce.

Eventually the violence and abandon of the slam-pit was modified over the years, but not without a list of casualties. People continued to dance hard, stage dive and smash into each other at high speeds, but an overall safety consciousness prevailed. Unofficial rules began to spring up, like, if someone falls, help him up, don't take that boot in your head personally, don't single out victims, and if you see someone who doesn't understand, explain it to him.

Combining this pseudo-organization of the ritual with some of the fashion elements common to the scene (shaved heads, Doc Martens, tattoos, spikey jewelry, military surplus—the way many of us queers are dressing now basically), then considering the competitive physicality of the event, the slam-pit had evolved into what seemed like P.E. class at the Tom Metzger Fascist Summercamp. At moments a pit could be expressively brilliant, the stuff of rock legend and total release, but I feared something bad would come of this

Popularity came to some of those early '80s L.A. bands like *X, Black Flag, The Circle Jerks,* and *The Minutemen*, and in good time the slam-pit found itself face to face with the single most detrimental factor in its history—the dopey jock-type college dude. I suppose it's really not fair to single them out, so I'll include their little brothers, their girlfriends if they're drunk and want to make the guy jealous, bitter hippie throwbacks, anyone whose macho is threatened, and anyone who longs for the days of Junior High School contact sports. In short, what used to be a unified form of expression by the crowd in response to the music became a free-for-all for a pack of weenies doing it for all the wrong reasons, breaking the unofficial rules and not even caring what band was playing onstage just so long as they were desperately engaged in a childlike battle for the King of The Pit title. I know this; I've watched slam-pits form at a *Smiths*' concert before.

In spite of the slightly negative trends that fate has dealt to the slam-pit, there are still moments when a crowd, the music, and the overall fervor will transcend the usual slam perturbances and quite unexpectedly engulf you in a nostalgic flurry of action. If the audience is incited by the music in a sudden, unanimous way, and spontaneity overwhelms the jock-type urge to execute a game plan for a physical blitz, then and only then does the slam-pit proper come into view. Most of the time it's just that pack of assholes in the middle of the floor disturbing everyone around them while they act out a plethora of repressions, needs, and battles against personal inadequacies. It's so tame.

Dealing constantly with this tired crowd dynamic for years has forced me to even plan strategies of my own for survival at a music event, but I don't want to play into their silly game. I just pick my spot early, and when commotion starts, hold my ground as best I can and grab the dick of every hot sweaty often shirtless body that slams into my butt doggy style. And you know what? I'm definitely not the only one who does this, or who likes it just fine.

Another more recent development in slamming has been the sporadic formations of actual queer slam-pits, which can be just as stupid as the predominantly straight slam-pit or everything that the ideal slam-pit should be with an additional, fierce sexual element. For making moments like this possible, I'd like to thank *Revolting Cocks, Sister Double Happiness, Front242, L7* (believe it or not!), *Laibach*, and an extra special thanks to *Ministry* for their most recent Warfield appearance, arguably the best show of last year, even if I hadn't done what I did with a pal right up front.

As for the straight slam-pit, if guys keep treating it like a macho assertion arena or, if you will, a Big Dick contest, I'll continue to be a judge, and I've got a firm grip on the gavel.

TALKING TO MY MOM ON WAR DAY

Speaking of big dicks, what were you doing when you heard that the U.S. started slapping its militarily swollen member across the global face? I was at work. Just after I heard of bombs dropping I suddenly remembered it was my mom's 60th birthday. I called to say happy birthday and overheard my stepfather in the background yelling, "They *should* blow'em off the face of the fucking planet!" He said the exact same thing about Iran way back when. My mother remarked that she barely remembers the war from her childhood, only things like people putting one star in their window for every son who was fighting, or watching people read the list of dead in the daily paper. She then reminded me that my stepfather's daughter and son-in-law were stationed there and had been for years. They hadn't received a letter from them in two weeks. I, of course, expressed my hope for their safety and return, which was followed by an odd silence on the line, then a change of subject. I knew what the silence meant: my mom and I never really liked them and were confused about how to feel. It was the first of an undoubtedly endless supply of emotional confusions we'll feel daily as long as this war continues, and even after it stops.

I had made plans for that Wednesday evening after work, and by the end of my shift I had decided to stick to that original plan. I could have gone home and quietly contemplated, I could have rushed downtown to join Anti-War demonstrations, I could have called all of the people that raced through my mind when the bombs started dropping, and I could've really tied one on at a bar. Instead, all I really wanted to do was rock out, perhaps a bit extra hard, and I knew that *4 non-Blondes* and *The Jackson Saints* are two bands that would be rocking especially hard in light of the situation. What else could they do?

I lunged into the Kennel Club about two songs into *4 non-Blondes*' set. The inimitable Linda Perry on vocals and guitars took her trademark stars-and-stripes-as-hats-or-clothing look to the hilt with Old Glory fashioned into a diaper of sorts, a vest made of more Old Glory, and a very tall stars and striped top hat. All the band members looked great, glowing with a firm confidence, undoubtedly about their future. Their next song was the highly requested college radio fave, "Mr. President." During that song, a biting monologue of world woes full of heart and sarcasm, I knew

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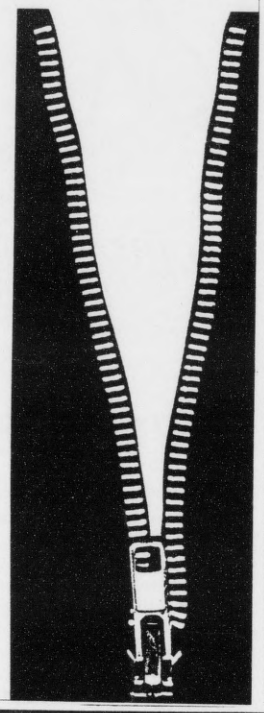


CABARET

BY GENE PRICE

Passing the Torch

It's most reassuring to realize that when the current generation's guardians of the cabaret flame (Barbara Cook, Margaret Whiting, Julie Wilson—yes, even the "incomparable" Hildegarde) take their stance at the piano for the last time, some fine younger singers will have already paid their dues and be at the ready. Andrea Marcovicci, of course, has already achieved a certain stardom. Her recent soldout concert series at the Herbst, "I'll Be Seeing You," wove an evening of World War II songs into a story of innocence, first love, separation, longing, and coming home again. She managed to evoke, with her usual style and wit, the nostalgia and the ache of what's been called "the last romantic war."

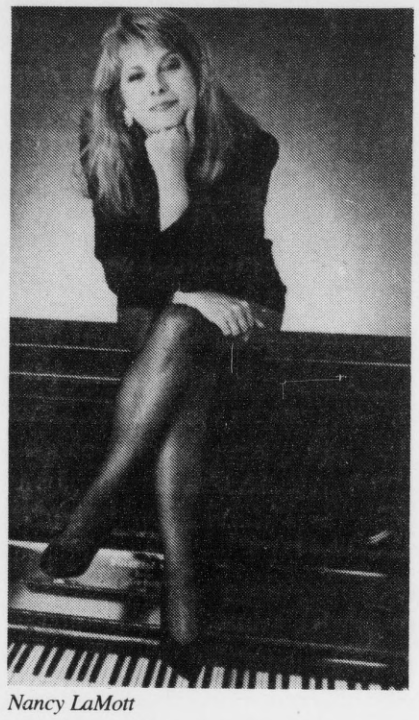
Nancy LaMott
Here Again, Gone Again

Hometown girl Nancy LaMott's recent week of appearances at the Plush Room answered the often-asked question about a returning entertainer. Has she changed? Well, yes and no. Those sneakers that were LaMott's fashion statement for so long have definitely been given the heave-ho. On the other hand, she still tends to introduce a subject, meander off track, and end up to her own surprise telling us something with a slightly neurotic tinge. Her comments are mini-voyages of discovery—perhaps even to herself.

But the voice is more gorgeous than ever. Brilliant in coloration, it's as variegated as the facets in a rainbow diamond. Her belt is pure and musical, and when the lyrics call for warm and cozy, she can float an intimate, smoky note right up to the ceiling.

She remarked that New York audiences never want to hear anything they've heard before and that they really prefer songs cut from musicals that died on the road. I wondered if there wasn't a bit of truth in that for those of us *outside* New York. After all, it's hard to get excited about another "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Blue Skies," or "It Ain't Necessarily So."

The program itself was a hodge-podge of old standards, and some fine newer numbers, with a sprinkling of Irving Berlin throughout. Referring to Berlin's well-known penchant for suing anyone who did an all-Berlin show, she said, "He's so much easier to get along with since he died."



Nancy LaMott

I liked Annie Dinerman's "Child in Me," Andrew Lloyd Webber's funny "Papa's Blues," and Johnny Mandell and the Bergman's "Where Do You Start," a very moving song about breaking up. LaMott remarked that she may never sing it again. "I've Got the Sun in the Morning" was notable for its tricky and exciting arrangement and "Skylark" (that standard in every jazz singer's repertoire and LaMott's own favorite) received a highly embroidered treatment. But a breathtakingly beautiful arrangement of "It Might as Well Be Spring" revealed this singer at her achingly vulnerable vocal peak. And when she sang Sondheim's "Good Thing Going" and "Not A Day Goes By," a hundred and fifty people held their breath.

The truly exceptional accompanist was Christopher Marlowe who also did the arrangements, superb evidence of his musicianship. LaMott and Marlowe are currently working on a recording. It's bound to be a treasure.

Rosemary Bock Sings Kurt Weill

Actress, singer, and former ingenue with The Lamplighters, Rosemary Bock performed two decades of Kurt Weill's work at Josie's Cabaret. Evoking the waif-like aura of a Piaf, Bock was a perfect interpreter of Weill's ill-used but head-held-high heroines. Singing in German, French, and English, she resurrected a number of little-known songs from the composer's German period, from his brief respite in Paris as a refugee from the Nazis, and from his final years as a Broadway composer.

Dressed in a period mode, Bock wore a simple black dress, bare-backed, a white flower caught in the glittery snood that held her hair, and black pumps outlined in white with the Manhattan skyline. Perched on a stool beside the piano, she relied entirely upon voice, facial expression and expressive arms to reveal the gritty, bitter—and occasionally romantic—characters of Weill's music. Robert Pettitt accompanied with a special flair for the composer's expressionistic rhythms.

Assembled with care and considerable research, the program featured such cabaret standards as "My Ship" along with the infrequently sung "Surabaya Johnny" from *Happy End*, the lilting "Havana Song," and the 1934, "Je ne T'aime Pas."

One of her most moving numbers was "Complainte de la Seine" a 1934 reflection on the River Seine. As elegant as a French art song, its melodic refrain belied a lyric catalogue of flotsam—weapons, wedding rings, "the hearts of people who suffered too much to live"—that lie at the bottom of the river.

A catchy "Lindberghsflugh," (lyrics by Brecht about the flight of Lindbergh) was followed by "The Saga of Jenny" from *Lady in the Dark*, allowing for some delightful reveling in Ira Gershwin's lyrics.

Other wartime songs included "What Was Sent to the Soldier's Wife," and "Buddy on the Night Shift," a 1942 ditty with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein that was performed in the *Lunchtime Follies*, a free sidewalk entertainment. Included in this set was a song with Howard Dietz lyrics, "Schickelgruber," parodying Hitler as a painter.

An intelligent, informative cabaret evening put together with wit and style. This eager-to-please singer is a real treat.

I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine

More than *loosely* based on the private and public lives of Ike and Tina Turner, this powerful, sometimes painful musical play featured saxman Idris Ackamoor and the irrepressible Rhodessa Jones. It was written by Ed Bullens, in collaboration with the two performers, and directed by Brian Freeman.

Poor farm girl Rita (Jones as the wildly funny hick) falls for traveling music man Prince Golden (Ackamoor) follows him on the road and becomes his number one woman and number one vocalist. But with her rise in status comes the attendant rewards of humiliations, beatings, and infidelities as she continues to cope with cancelled gigs, Prince's ldrug habit, his run-ins with the police, and his women—"You're just one of the girls—get used to it."

Meanwhile, she's hiding the black eye, singing and bouncing through her routines, and learning her craft. As Prince coaches her, molds her, and pushes her into her first onstage appearance (barely covered in leopard print Spandex) he fails to realize that she's the one with the real star potential. "I have seen the chitlin circuit, and I'm not talkin' Howard Johnson," Rita says and she recreates that transient life in a tremulously belted number, "Too Many Nights." She closes a letter home with an impossible hope, a heartbreaking lie, "I think it's gonna work out fine."

The Ackamoor-Jones team can do it all—sing, dance, act. But this is Rhodessa's turn in the spotlight. One particular moving scene tells all. "He hit me," she says matter-of-factly. "What do I do now? Leave for the better life? This *is* the better life. Every job has its hazard... bruises heal."

Then during a London tour Rita begins to assert herself. When Prince tells a reporter, "I don't beat my wife any more than any other man beats his wife," something clicks. She leaves to grab herself "a piece of the sky."

In the musical's coda, Prince is still running frantic, looking for a piece of the action. Rita (now a star in her Tina Turner wig) writes the check that will buy him an East St. Louis club—providing he stays away from her and the kids and turns over a percentage to a program for battered women.

The talented Ackamoor's role as Prince was a difficult one to instill with any sympathy. Other than as a self-pitying Black entrepreneur in an industry controlled by white men (or "Uncle Toms"), Prince is an ego-driven musician, sexist, hustler, and dope addict. Ackamoor does, however, manage to capture the house with a couple of dynamic sax solos. Jones, whose long-legged body tends to gyrate in all directions at once as the frenzied Tina performing is nothing short of breathtaking.

"I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine," ran during January at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint." It will undoubtedly be revived. It's a don't miss.

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THEATRE

''Hidden: A Gender'' returns to the stage in San Francisco

Hidden: A Gender

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Kate Bornstein's play, *Hidden: A Gender*, has returned to the Theatre Rhinoceros after a successful East Coast tour. Semi-autobiographical and challenging, the comedy/drama has been polished and streamlined somewhat, but the author's treatment of gender blur has lost none of its power to attack and shake up our preconceptions.

Layered with wit and incisive social satire, the play interweaves the stories of nineteenth century convent-reared (and intellectually repressed) Herculine Barbain and mid-twentieth century Herman, a teenager so enamored of women that he prays every night to become one. The casting itself is a model of gender confusion.

Bornstein herself is the sly, aggressive Doc Grinder, the medicine show barker who leads, instructs and confronts members of the audience about their own sexual identity, all the while hawking his Gender Defender Elixir (blue bottles for boys, pink for girls), guaranteed to keep you straight (as long as you choose the *right* bottle!).

Later, as the TV talk show host of ''What's My Gender?'' Bornstein's character is constantly flummoxed by guest Kate (formerly Herman) who has had a sex-change operation to become a transsexual lesbian. ''My gender identity has nothing to do with my sexual preference. They are two separate issues,'' states Kate, further confusing the TV host who is not equipped to deal with gray areas of concept.

Justin Bond is the French girl and he again delivers a controlled performance that is touching, sensitive, and passionate as he conveys the mystery of Herculine's changing body and her love for another novice (upon a country doctor's discovery that her clitoris had grown by two inches and that testicles were descending, Herculine was pronounced a hermaphrodite. Now a male by legal decree but a woman nevertheless, the gender-confused Herculine found brief refuge in Paris before commiting suicide).

Sydney Erskine has discovered new depth in her characterization of Herman/Kate, roles based on Bornstein's own experience. Erskine is particularly moving as the macho-acting stud who so much wants to be a woman that he cannot sleep with enough of them. Less linear than the Herculine sotry, the Herman/Kate theme shifts from reality to burlesque (a sex change operation as a cooking school demonstration wherein a wad of penis-shaped dough is whacked into a vagina), sacrificing to some degree a sense of reality and poignancy.

Noreen Barnes, the original director and co-developer of the script, is again at the helm. It's an impressive production. Don't miss it this time around.

Hidden: A Gender plays at the Theatre Rhinoceros through Feb. 16. Call 861-5079.

Shirley Valentine

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

''All feminists are alike. If something's impossible, that's all the more reason for doing it.''

Shirley Valentine Bradshaw is not a feminist and she'll be the first to make that clear. Her friend Jane is a feminist though. But as she said to Jane, ''You can't bring logic into this. We're talking about marriage.''

Shirley Valentine, starring the adorable Millicent Martin, is this season's *Love Letters*. If the reaction of the first night audience is any indication, it may well run into *next* season.

Shirley Valentine is a British housewife/kitchen philosopher who dispenses her home-grown wit and wisdom to her kitchen wall, commonly referred to in conversation as ''Wall.'' In a two-act monologue peopled with a score of other characters, all of whom Martin vocalizes, we watch Shirley take charge of her life. The concept may be old hat to us in 1991, but in the 1970s, it was a matter of life and death to Shirley Valentine. Her kids, a boy and girl, are grown and out of the house. Her boorish husband, symbolized by a muddy boot at the kitchen stove, sees her as little more than wallpaper, a non-entity who is nevertheless required to have his dinner on the table when he steps in the door.

But feminist friend Jane has planted the seed of rebellion. She's asked Shirley to join her, all-expenses paid, on a two-week jaunt to the Greek Isles. Shirley toys with the idea, but not seriously. Such freedom of choice suggests vauge connotations of sexuality.

''Sex is like a supermarket... lots of pushing and shoving but you come out with very little in the end.''

And on the subject of sex, playwright Willy Russell has given Shirley a five-minute treatise on the clitoris that promises to serve as every female actor's audition piece well into the next generation.

''Clitoris has such a pretty sound. it ought to be a woman's name. There are plenty of guys running around named Dick!''

No dummy Shirley. She says to Wall, ''If somebody says 'I love you,' it always gives them the right to treat you worse.'' And that leads to Thursday. Thursday is steak night. She's to have *his* steak on the table when she hears footsteps at the door. Only this Thursday, in a fit of benevolent anarchy, she fed the steak to an anemic bloodhound owned by by two vegetarians. She whips him up some eggs and chips and puts them on the table. When they wind up in her lap, she gets out the tickets to Greece. She had previously asked Wall, ''You don't start over at 42, do you?'' She's found her answer.

Once in Greece, Jane (who became a feminist after catching her husband in bed with the milkman) forgets herself and follows the first walking crotch she meets into a four-night assignation. Abandoned to her own company, Shirley finds a secluded rock by the sea and settles in. The Rock now replaces The Wall. ''Rock,'' she confides, ''I've fallen in love with the idea of living.''

She's also blossomed. She's tanned, bikinied, and her blond hair is tousled on her shoulders. Within days she has indulged herself with a free and easy affair with a handsome tavern owner... no strings attached. Recalling the naturalness of this romantic interlude, she tells Rock: '' 'E kissed me stretch marks. 'E did! 'E said they were lovely because they were part of me. 'E said stretch marks weren't meant to be hidden away... that they were a mark of life.'' She giggles in memory. ''Aren't men full of shit?''

Having found Shirley Valentine again, she's not about to let go. She misses the plane, takes a job at the tavern, and sits by the sea waiting for her husband who is flying in to take her home. She waits. In case he passes by without recognizing her, she'll call him over to share a glass of wine.

A bravura performance, touching, funny, very real.

Shirley Valentine plays at the Theatre on the Square through March 3. Call 433-9500.

Richard Morrison is ''The Physician in Spite of Himself.''

Physician In Spite of Himself

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

Sgnarelle, the title character of Moliere's *The Physician in Spite of Himself* cries out ''all you need is the costume'' when, due to circumstances very much in his wife's control, he's forced to forego his woodcutting career to become a doctor. Unfortunately the Pulcinella Players' production at the wonderful On Broadway Theatre in North Beach proves that you need more. Alessandra's costumes are colorful and creatively tailored, giving the show a sparkling look that promises more than is delivered.

Performing a 17th century French farce in the Italian commedia style is a perfectly acceptable theatrical choice. Unfortunately, the highly visual slapstick is not realized in an innovative or surprising manner. The ''spit-in-the-eye'' and the ''women's-assault-on-male-genitalia'' gags are all too familiar and easy.

Paula Pisani Cohen's acting outshines her directing as she joyously flounces the role of Jacqueline, the bosomy wet nurse. Also excellent is Richard Morrison as the lusting and opportunistic Sganarelle (as well as assistant director) whose boundless energy carries the show along at a fine clip. Several of the smaller roles are quite well acted, such as Jean Kasha's portrayal of the masochistic wife, and the two cameo peasant roles played by Nick Black and Susan Lofthouse.

Also praiseworthy is the live musical accompaniment by musical director Tony Von Eckstein. His musical prowess delights, whether on electric guitar for pre-show and intermission music or on the piano during the show.

Overall, despite several weaknesses in this production of *Physician*, the Pulcinella Players promise future fun for San Francisco audiences. Look out for them.

The Physician in Spite of Himself continues at the On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway through Feb. 10. Call 362-2565.

The Mystery of Irma Vep

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Charles Ludlum's successful bid for instant fame, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, a parody of every monster, vampire, werewolf film ever made—with some shameless and delightful borrowings from Shakespeare, Poe, Wilde, and others—is back with us at the Eureka Theatre. As directed by Suzanne Bennett and performed by a cast of seven, but namely Brian Thorstenson and Dan Hiatt, it's a howler.

Much too complex to unravel, the plot involves the second wife of Egyptologist Lord Edgar Hillcrest and her attempts to keep a stiff upper lip in the face of an imperious housemaid, a smelly stableman, a mysterious intruder, a painting that bleeds when accidentally shot, a wall of books that swings out to reveal a caged madwoman, a dead wolf that's tossed into the drawing room, a trip to the bowels of an Egyptian tomb, a disappearing mummy (a situation rife for puns), and the standard accoutrement of horror, lightning, thunder, mysterious bells and howls in the night.

There you have it. The whole nutty plot in a nutshell.

Thorenstenson (last seen in *The Bug* and memorable in a number of Rhino productions) was especially delightful as Jane, the maid. Oozing hauteur, his speciality is intimidating the new

PERFORMANCE

BY RACHEL KAPLAN

Direct. Action. Theatre. The Choreography of Protest

Photo by Marc Geller

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

All the theatre I go to see is taking place on the streets. Direct. Action. Theatre. There's a lot of people out in the streets. Do you know why? Are you there? There's a war on; we're coming together to say NO. The choreography of protest is about standing together and saying NO, standing together and saying YES; it's about standing together. It's symbolic. It's real.

A lot of different things happen every day on the streets. The Federal Building has been blockaded for days. That's real, and that's symbolic too. Like everything you see in the papers, hear on the radio, see on TV, like this whole war, what's happening on the streets is symbolic *and* real. Reading it as a dance, the refined and not-so-refined choreography of our steps, helps understand how the theatre of the streets circles around the symbols it deplores and both serves and thwarts the ends we seek.

You know what it looks like: people gather at the Federal Building, Dolores Park, Civic Center. We're carrying signs and drums and children. We're dressed every which way. We mill about. We walk together. Sometimes someone starts a fire. Sometimes someone starts a song. Sometimes someone breaks a window. People make a lot of noise. (My favorite chant: "We're tired. We're cranky. We don't like our government." We mill about. There's an aimlessness in the midst of purpose. We don't have Martin Luther King or JFK or anyone to lead us, and not only Vietnam but Watergate and Contragate and Ronald Reagan have happened to America since the '60s.

If civil disobedience was the form created out of that time, what is the form we create out of this time? Do we think we can make a difference? I'm afraid they're going to bomb the shit out of Iraq no matter what I do. Still we gather. March from place to place. Arrive. Block the streets. Block the freeways. Find the usual ways to be seen. Stand up to the police. Play music, make speeches, hold hands. Leave. We plan to come back again and again.

The (Im)Media(te) Solution: Whoever Defines the Debate Wins It

This drama of conflict is happening every day in San Francisco and across this country. Like the conflict raging in the Middle East, the dramas are largely symbolic, though people are jailed and killed every day. What you see in the news is not what you get on the streets. It is crucial to note how the press is using symbols, because this war is brought to us not only by our government, mass producers of manipulative measures, but by the media, master-makers of symbolic consciousness. As usual, the mainstream press, in service to a government that supports it, is organizing a specific version of this crisis that doesn't have enough to do with what is really going on.

There are fewer people committing violent acts at demonstrations than the mainstream press reports. Very few people are interested in being violent, and the vast majority of protesters are willing to intervene in nonviolent ways to stop people who act in violence. Police counter their *assumption* of our violence with a violence of their own. The possibility of terror and injury is accentuated by police who approach protesters with the assumption that we've done something wrong, and if we haven't yet, we're going to.

These are hard lines to walk. There are clearly some tactics being employed by protesters that work better than others. Peaceful means for peaceful ends is undoubtedly our best strategy, but that takes many forms. People have set cop cars on fire, smashed windows, spray-painted everywhere, knocked things and people over. I don't really have a problem with any of this. I know the need to act out, and I understand the rage, oh yes, I understand the rage. But acts of violence alienate people, give the media something to capitalize on, and do no justice to an agenda of peace.

And violence at demonstrations hurts me because it scares me. I go to demonstrations because I'm terrified. I'm fighting for freedom from fear. I don't want to be attacked by people who are "on my side." And difficult as police/people relations are, it is important to remember that individual police-people aren't responsible for the war and don't necessarily support it. A better relationship between us is one of cooperation, which means acknowledging everyone's humanity in the midst of this struggle.

Closing the Federal Building is a well-aimed strategy and the sites of war-making—like the Presidio—seem to be good places to go. Stopping traffic and immobilizing the financial district has its glamour but seems to appeal to a different agenda than one directly addressed in an "anti-war" protest. Other possible strategies are a general strike, organizing labor unions to strike, making direct appeals to Senators and Congresspeople, forming small affinity groups to make organized efforts in contained ways, or making specific art/street events. Organizing among ourselves and being willing to work in small, committed groups over an extended period may be more successful than mass demonstrations that block traffic and then disperse.

Symbolic Consciousness & Violence

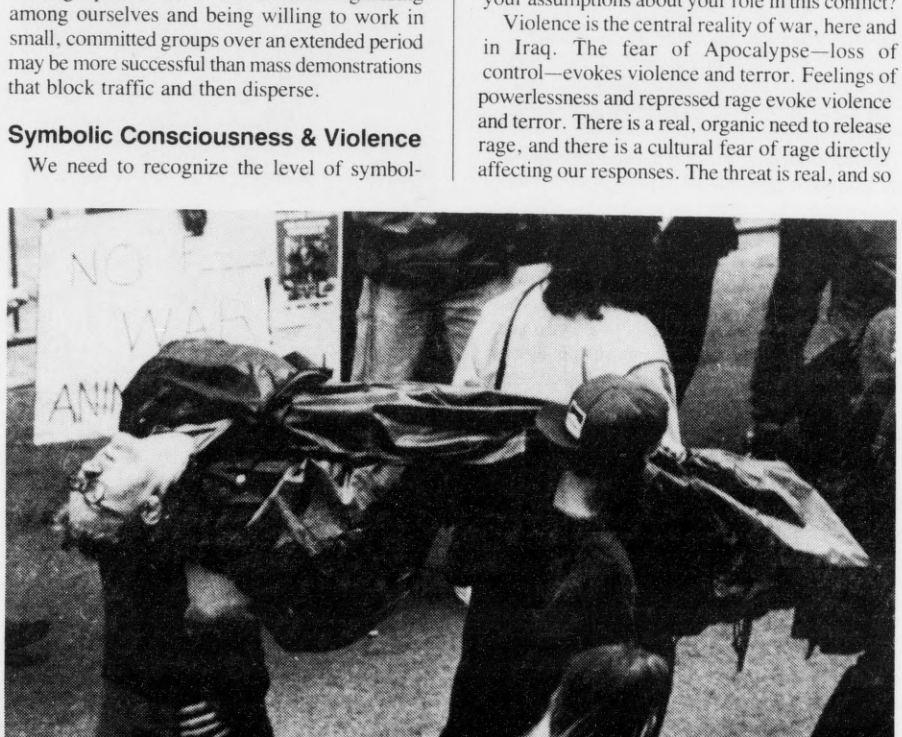
We need to recognize the level of symbol-making and fantasizing surrounding this war and our responses to it. From nuclear holocaust to the liberation of an oppressed people, Bush and Hussein represent two levels of *fantasy*. The Chronicle's misguided 1/22/91 headline: "Haven't we seen this on China Beach? Sophisticated TV presages real events" misses a point about how fantasy creates reality. Symbols are *real* and they're powerful. They emblematize and create actual events from our fears and fantasies. Violence at demos means nothing more—and nothing less—than the violence of war.

Our myths create our perceptions and our destinies. They are the images that fill our minds. Both the Arab and Christian worlds have long been focused on Apocalypse and our worst nightmares and most fervent prayers are being played out right now. Our apocalyptic vision follows us into the streets, even as we are in resistance and reaction to it. The hero's journey has always had to do with annihilation. This contributes to a sense of powerlessness, and it pulls us to extremes of hysteria or numbness in the dramas of conflict we act out in an expression of our justified rage. What are your assumptions about what this is and what it means? What are your assumptions about your role in this conflict?

Violence is the central reality of war, here and in Iraq. The fear of Apocalypse—loss of control—evokes violence and terror. Feelings of powerlessness and repressed rage evoke violence and terror. There is a real, organic need to release rage, and there is a cultural fear of rage directly affecting our responses. The threat is real, and so is the fear. How do we deal with rage? Fear? Disappointment? Betrayal and abandonment? What are our best means of expression? How are we most effective—personally and socially—in an expression of what we want? It's a hard world where everyone feels so betrayed that we drop bombs on one another to forget our pain. That's our myth and our present reality.

The choreography of protest emphatically suggests that there is another way and offers forms of cooperation and emotional acknowledgement. But there are questions to ask if we are to succeed, on the large-scale and in our personal lives. The protest is a dance, and war is a metaphor. Because the war's still going on at home, all of them. What about AIDS? Racism? Poverty? Homelessness?

What about the places where I make war? I've been bombing people for months, and I plan to keep doing so 'til they negotiate. And I walk in peace demonstrations. I like it that protesters set fire to cop cars. And I walk in peace demonstrations. I resent and blame people all the time. And I walk in peace demonstrations. I'm willing to use this as a metaphor because the small wars make the big wars possible. If we cannot disarm, we cannot expect our government to disarm.



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The Choreography of Protest—Elegy

The drama on the streets has its own ancient logic. The choreography of protest is complex. The psychology of protest is complex. It calls for union and separation, cooperation and autonomy. It calls for deep emotional and physical responses to our experiences of betrayal and powerlessness. It asks us to believe the unbelievable: we can make a difference. And it asks us to put our bodies on the line for it.

The choreography of protest is about vulnerability. It contains somewhere within it a vow to stop hurling missiles at the people we love. It asks that we become leaders in our own right, rather than expecting George Bush or anyone else to lead us. In its dispersion and intensity, it is the response of the grieving child who learned to take care of herself before she was ready, because she never got the care she needed.

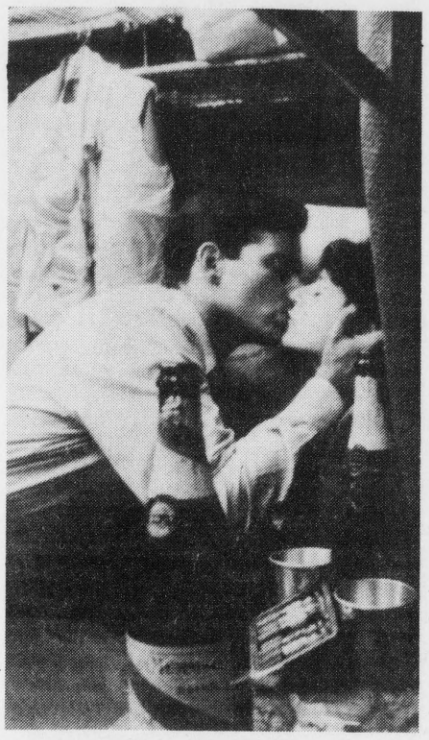
The choreography of protest means dancing outside the drama of conflict, beyond our attachment to the beloved enemy. It means laying down arms. The choreography of protest involves personal questions: How do you continue to make war? What are your weapons? What weapons are in your arsenal? Do you stockpile? What is the equivalent of your nuclear bomb? Will you use it? Do you conduct military research and devise newer, more clever weapons? Do you destroy people or property? Who is your beloved enemy? What is the form of your internal government? Do you put people in prison? Use torture? Bomb civilians and children? Who are your internal and external enemies? Do you use weapons against your own people?

The choreography of protest means taking responsibility for the myths that shape your life, choosing the world where we want to live. The choreography of protest creates new myths to live by—myths of cooperation and community beyond the Apocalypse. The choreography of protest means healing the wound that says there is nothing we can do, moving past voices that say we have no imaginative solutions or personal responsibility for our political nightmares. The choreography of protest challenges our feelings of powerlessness.

The choreography of protest is the New World Order, and the Mother of all wars is Peace. The choreography of protest is a spectacle, the bigger the better. The choreography of protest takes place in large groups, because we are not alone. It takes place in small groups, between lovers and friends, in the small, significant acts of caring that combat the dark and bring victory to the light. Because there is a battle between dark and light on this planet. The choreography of protest acknowledges that we may be in a struggle where there is no winning, but choose to struggle anyway, because how can that matter in the middle of the dancing?

FILM

BY RANDY TUROFF



The Sheltering Sky

Bertolucci's sumptuous style comes to the screen in an adaptation of Paul Bowles' moody Beat-era novel, *The Sheltering Sky*. Three adventurers, disillusioned with their lives in New York City, set sail to lose themselves in the heart of Northern Africa. There's no goal except to push as far as possible into the emptiness of their own minds, as the Sahara gradually swallows them up alive. As Port tells his wife Kit, tourists see things so that they can come home and talk about it, but travelers don't think of home at all, and they know that they may never return.

Travel risks the infinite. Anything will be allowed to happen. And things do happen in this atypically plotless, sprawling and hypnotically poetic film. One man dies, another is betrayed, and the woman is utterly transformed by being cast at the mercy of the desert and the nomadic Arab tribesmen who don't accept her francs as any sign of power or unapproachability. A very old Paul Bowles, steely blue-eyed and heavily wrinkled, narrates excerpts from the novel. Of the characters Kit and Porte, he explains, "They heavily regarded time as nonexistent. Eventually everything would happen."

The first part of the movie, where very little actually happened, was extremely annoying. Before they were denuded of their pretenses, the three characters were the most self-indulgent, whiny creatures you've ever seen. The stupid games they played around the triangular possibilities of their relationships were sophomoric. John Malkovitch's droning little voice and Debra Winger's Beverly Hills' housewife demeanor were almost enough to ruin the film before the breathtaking scenery and the journey through the Sahara captured the imagination.

The best part of the movie was the scenery and the photographing of the various Arab cultures living in the strange maze of medinas and in the narrow stony villages beside the oases. We traveled with the characters through huge orange seas of sand. Haunting and lyrical Arab music was documented throughout the film, and the score, including a terrific Rai sequence during the camel caravan trip, was an auditory feast.

In fact, everything about the film, except for the miscasting of the main characters, was a sensual and eroticized journey. Paul Bowles' unconditional love for the desert shone through the screenplay as brilliantly as the stars in the desert sky. The women in the film, except for Debra Winger, were absolutely gorgeous. The sex scene between Kit and the Arab chieftain, a dashing and boy-like man, was almost lesbian in its slow and giving sensuality.

If there's a point to the film or a point to the novel, it comes from the realm of poetry and subconscious realizations of the meaningless beauty of life itself. It's all objectified fantasy. And yet, as lived, it is real. In the end, the camera focuses on the man who wrote the book many years ago. In old age we have memories of favorite times and places and stories of our lives, stories which we've examined and re-examined from many different perspectives. The poignancy comes, according to Bowles, from the realization that there will only be a limited number of times left, to go back to those sacred places in the memory. "How many more times," he asks, "will I watch the full moon rise? Perhaps 20. But it all seems so limitless."

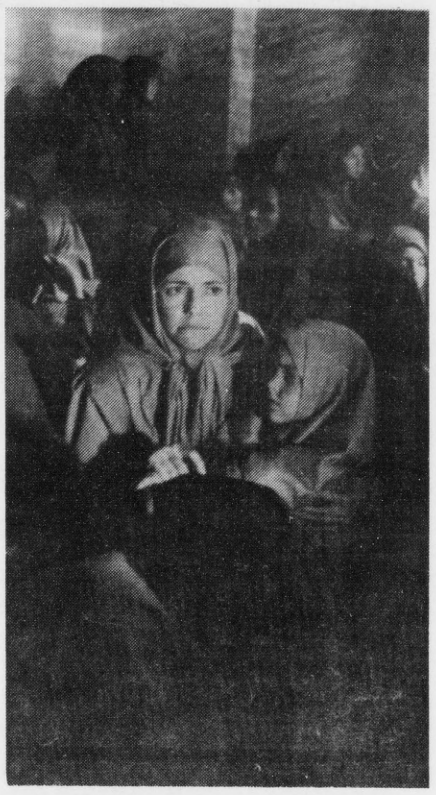
Not Without My Daughter

Sally Field is perfectly cast as the lead in this basically formula Hollywood suspense movie. She plays an innocent American housewife and mother suddenly catapulted into grandscale heroics as she willfully escapes with her daughter from the clutches of her evil husband and his fundamentalist Muslim family in Teheran, circa mid-80s. Like *Midnight Express*, the film is largely an us-and-them set up, with audience sympathy directed unconditionally towards the good-guy Americans at the mercy of the "primitive" and sadistic Arab milieus in which they find themselves ensnared. Like *Midnight Express, Not Without My Daughter* is based on a true account. It's a personal story of bravery and escape against all odds to the safe haven of American jurisdiction from within a dark sea of nightmarish foreign barbarism.

Betty Mahmoody's story begins innocently enough in a placid lake-side home in Michigan. She lives a comfortable upper-middle class life with her Iranian-born husband, a doctor who's been in the States for 20 years, and their cute 5-year-old daughter. Alfred Molina and Sally Field play husband and wife with a wonderful naturalness and very believable give and take dynamics. Betty and Moody seemed to have had a communicative and affectionate relationship with each other and with their child.

After a series of phone calls from Iran from his family, Moody is guilt-tripped into going home for a well overdue visit, and despite her grave reservations about taking a two-week trip to war-torn Iran, Betty gives in and agrees to accompany him to meet his family. Moody swears on the Koran that he promises to keep Betty and the daughter safe, and he convinces her that a two-week vacation is no big deal.

The plane lands in Teheran, and the plot takes off immediately. The film is pure suspense, and every scene, every fact moves the adventure forward. At the airport there's a chaos of people, and huge posters of Khomeini loom over the crowds full of soldiers with poised machine guns. Moody's family arrives, swarming over Betty and her daughter Mahtab. The scene, shot from above, shows the Arab women en masse in their black robes and hoods, chattering and screeching in an incomprehensible language and surrounding the mother and child like flies over raw meat. The film continues to portray these Arab women in their chadors, always en masse, and never bothers to translate any of what they're saying. I think one major problem is that the film seems to dehumanize the culture it's depicting by never translating any of the Persian Arabic into English. The film continually pits the American idealized notion of individuality against what it shows as



Arabic uniformity.

The next big scene, after the airport, is shot from a ramshackle stone apartment crammed with Moody's relatives onto a courtyard full of row after row of men prostrating in unison to Allah. On the walls of the courtyard are the ever-present posters of the Ayatollah, and graffiti denouncing the U.S., the U.S.S.R. and Saudi Arabia. Not one of Moody's relatives is shown as humane at all—not a shred of human warmth or compassion coming from any of them. This total disconnection sets up the one-point-of-view racist cultural stereotyping.

Things go from bad to the ultimate worst. Overnight, under the spell of his cruel fundamentalist Muslim family, Moody turns from a loving father and husband into a monster. He becomes a wife-beater and patriarchal villain. Despite his oath on the Koran, Moody had been plotting all along to bring his wife and child to Iran to live there permanently. When Betty objects, he beats her and tells her that she's his wife, and in his country she's bound to do whatever he says she should do. He strips her of her credit cards, forces her to don the chador even in the house, and prevents her from receiving or making any telephone calls. She's watched day and night by the relatives like a prisoner of war.

When Betty manages to sneak out to the Swiss Embassy, she is told that nothing can be done for her. As the wife of an Iranian, she is automatically an Iranian. She is not permitted to travel without her husband's full written permission. Iranian women have no rights to their children; in the event of separation from the husband, the husband gains sole custody. Vowing not to have her daughter grow up in a country where women have no basic human rights, Betty plots their escape, at the risk of execution.

Of course, we know that Betty and Mahtab make it home. In the final shot, as the music swells to a symphonic crescendo, the American flag waves in front of the embassy in Turkey, and Sally Field, tattered and dust-blown, holds her daughter and says: "We're home, baby. We're home."

Now, if this film had come out a few years ago, before this Gulf War, it could have been dismissed as a sentimental thriller, heavy on plot and simple in a Hollywood sort of black and white way. But the film has taken on a kind of political significance both in its depiction of human rights violations and in its anti-Muslim stance. Reportedly, Sally Field, Alfred Molina and the director, Brian Gilbert, have received death threats by mail, and they're under armed guard protection. This is very scary stuff! The threat of death as a critical response to any movie, to any book or work of art, is despicable and completely unacceptable. Makes me shudder!

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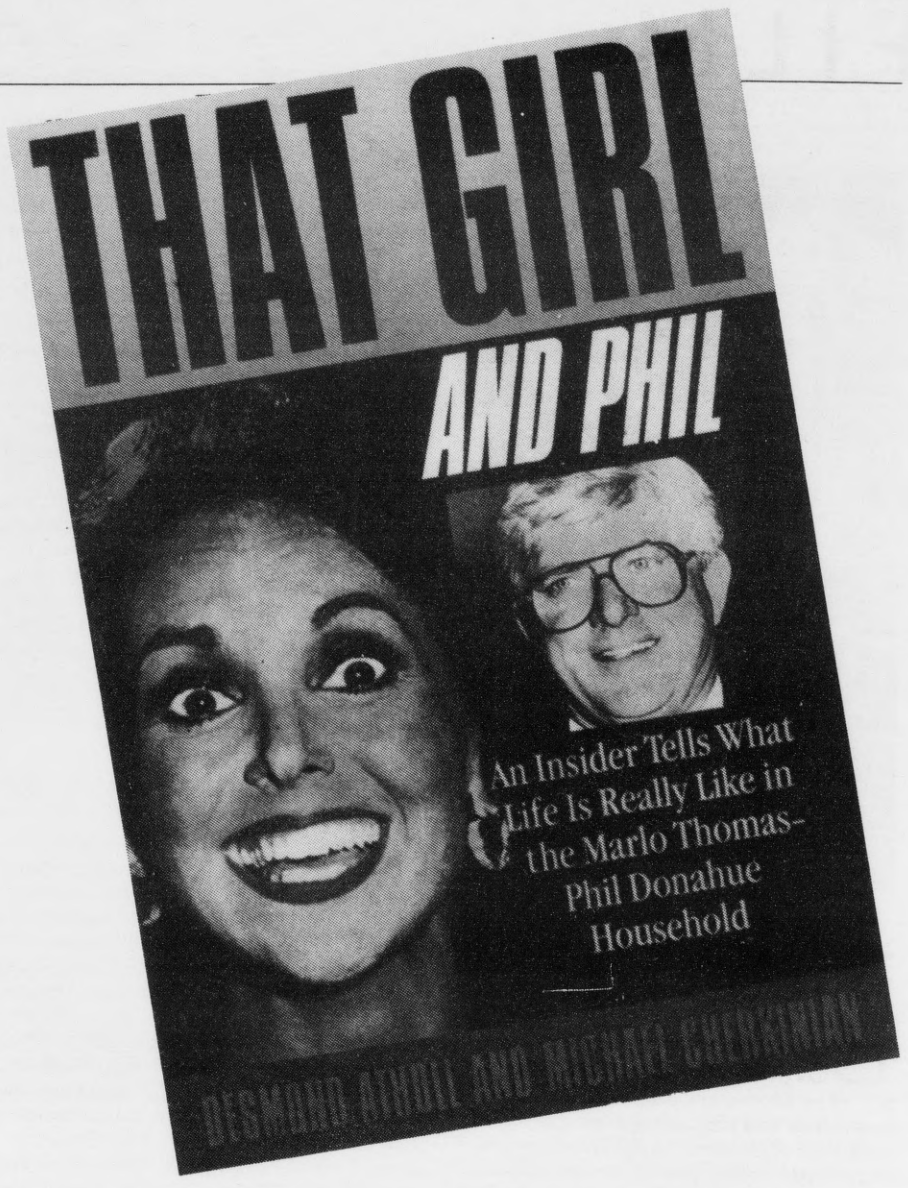
THAT GIRL
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An Insider Tells What Life Is Really Like in the Marlo Thomas-Phil Donahue Household
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That Girl and Phil

An Insider Tells What Life Is Really Like in the Marlo Thomas-Phil Donahue Household

By Desmond Atholl
and Michael Cherkinian
St. Martin's Press, 1990, $16.95

REVIEWED BY BO HUSTON

The prefatory note of *That Girl and Phil* is meant to describe author Desmond Atholl's position in the household of Marlo Thomas and Phil Donahue, and indicates perfectly the tone and texture of the book which is to follow. "Many people," he writes, "are unfamiliar with the meaning of [my] very specialized profession. According to *Webster's*, the term 'majordomo' is of Spanish and Italian origin dating back to 1589. Translated to 'chief of the house,' it describes the highest managing official of an important household, who is almost a domestic minister of state." In other words, he's *more* than a butler. Kind of like Mr. French on *Family Affair*. Atholl worked for Thomas and Donahue for three years.

Some *SF Bay Times* readers are perhaps familiar with my particular bias in favor of Marlo Thomas. The positive ideals of pertness, cuteness, independence, high-spirited fun and the love of a good man which Thomas represented through her delightful character, Anne Marie, on the popular *That Girl* television series of the '60s and '70s—as well as her fabulous apartment and chic wardrobe—were truly inspirational. I trust I am not overly zealous in declaring that Marlo helped to shape the values (and style) of an entire generation!

Now we are faced with another of those celebrity tell-all, smash-the-facade accounts so popular these days. Apparently, Marlo is much more than she was cracked up to be. Diamonds, daisies, popcorn...VENOM.

Some of the chapter titles may give a clue to the unflattering portrait which emerges of Marlo Thomas. "Who Stole My Dress?," "Locking Marlo Out," "Perfume Madness," "Macro-Marlo—Or Is She?," "Excuse Me, Your House Is Blocking My View," and, my favorite, "Free To Be...Me, Me, Me."

It seems that Marlo Thomas is a foul-mouthed spoiled brat, pouting and childish at one moment, hyper-critical, hysterical and violent the next. She is an unparalleled hypocrite—the first thing Atholl noticed when he interviewed for the position was a closet full of fur coats in anti-fur-Marlo's closet. Nothing is ever good enough, no one equal to her expectations. According to Atholl, she is petty and heartless. Atholl writes:

One particular Monday morning, I finished the semi-weekly floral arrangements and retreated to the kitchen to review possible menus for an upcoming party. Somewhere between the poached salmon and the new potatoes with chevre I heard Miss Thomas wildly screaming my name.

"Desmond! DESMOND! Come quick!"

I traced the source of the screams to the entryway, whereupon Miss Thomas brusquely informed me that the tulips in the porcelain vase were not the right shade of white. In fact, against the white wall, the flowers looked *almost cream*, a color that would never do. Cream-colored flowers had been out of fashion for almost ten years.

Atholl goes on to report that Thomas had him replace the flowers many times, asking him to go to practically every florist in Manhattan, spending thousands of dollars; Thomas was not satisfied until he'd procured perfectly white roses. (Who would be?)

This episode is typical of life with Marlo. She screams a lot.

> "Nooooo coooookieesss!!!" she cried. "No fucking cookies!?!?!?! I have guests who want cookies! Just what do you expect me to tell them! You go and tell my guests that you are so stupid you forgot the cookies!"

It seems Marlo likes to say "fuck" and to call people "fuckers." Of the many people Marlo considers herself superior to, the staff of the Phil Donahue show tops the list; they are "common and low-class." She's quite paranoid as well, terribly frightened to leave the house lest she be accosted by some member of the public. Even to go a block or two, Marlo takes her limousine.

Atholl is kind to Phil Donahue, painting him as decent, honest, if vague, and a bit of a dupe under Marlo's dastardly manipulations. (She has New York's finest clothing stores send over their collections, buys everything in sight and hides the bills.)

But Marlo Thomas' absolute *bete noir* is her own household staff, and particularly, her "majordomo," Desmond Atholl. He describes having set an impeccable dinner table for an important business party, everything arranged perfectly, with special attention to Marlo's favorite Porthault linen placemats. "Marlo always waited until all of her guests had arrived before descending from her boudoir and making a grand entrance...'I don't like the placemats,' she announced. 'Change them for tablecloths. We'll begin in five minutes.' She then, to my horror, began to rearrange the place settings...'That's how I like my tables set,' Marlo stated."

It seems to me, if that's how she likes them set, that's how they *should* be set.

This expose—though I was thoroughly engrossed and delighted from the first page to the last—is utterly contemptible and trashy. Of course, I've no idea of Atholl's actual sexual identity, but his vicious complaints, slurs and attacks follow a time-tested literary tradition: plain old Bitch Queen talk. Nothing more, nothing less.

It is the image of bright, vivacious That Girl—whom he refers to as That Woman, That Employer, and That Monster—which Atholl is out to destroy. There is some cursory analysis of Marlo Thomas' life, that she was an isolated and privileged child, but, generally Atholl's aim is not understanding or compassion. It is pure exposure.

I remember when Christina Crawford's book *Mommie Dearest* was published many people were dismayed and shocked to learn of the actions and character of Joan Crawford, and many people were critical of the author, feeling she had not only betrayed her mother, but destroyed a treasured symbol. As it happened, that book initiated public discussion about child abuse in a popular context—people began to talk about family secrets, about appropriate and inappropriate child-discipline, about emotional neglect. The implications of Christina Crawford's memoir ex-

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tended far beyond gossip about a Hollywood star. *Mommie Dearest* was not a beautifully written book or a very rich analysis of the issues involved; but it was serious, personal and ultimately meaningful.

That Girl and Phil is just pure juice.

> It wasn't difficult to locate the source of the scream. Marlo was in the dining room glaring at the buffet, her face pale and contorted. "How *dare* you serve cold cuts in *my* house!" she exclaimed. "...Fucker, you've done it again."

Indeed.

Now, I am not at all advocating servant-abuse (the new Issue of the '90s?), or attempting to minimize the effect of the kind of disrespect and rudeness Atholl reports. But, the book does have a serious credibility problem in that Atholl depicts himself in the most glowing of terms. His manner, performance of his duties, attitude and treatment of others are presented as completely beyond reproach. I certainly don't wish to get into "blaming the victim," but, on the other hand, there are two sides to every story. In other words, if Marlo Thomas was a tiny bit critical now and then, called him a name once in a while, I'm sure she had her reasons. Atholl remained in Thomas' employ, after all, by choice, not by force. He portrays himself as an ultimately patient, wise, competent and loyal employee who was for no reason verbally and emotionally abused time and time again. My impression of Atholl, finally, is that he is at best stupid—why didn't he just walk out?—and at worse, sanctimonious, trite, resentful and nasty. He delights in these horror stories. In fact, Atholl reminds me of some of my very dearest friends.

I suppose I am somewhat unusual in my relentless loyal devotion to Marlo Thomas and everything she stands for. The actual effect on me of this shattering of Marlo's image is to appreciate her more. I can only hope she is more careful when she does her hiring, the servant problem being what it is these days.

The final episode of the book, just before Atholl resigned to pursue his own "creative projects," has Marlo and Phil sitting around their exquisitely appointed Connecticut mansion with some guests. They are discussing the servant of a celebrity who had been fired and was now threatening to write a book.

> As the conversation continued, the group began to discuss the pros and cons of requiring a prospective household employee to sign an agreement stipulating that he or she would never divulge any information pertaining to household affairs.
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> Marlo, who had been surprisingly quiet during the entire conversation, took a sip from her wineglass and laughingly declared in a loud voice, "I'd never ask anyone to sign anything. No one would ever *dare* write a book about me! I'd either pay the fuckers off or kill them!"

This book is not for everyone, but those who will appreciate it know who you are. My advice to readers is to borrow *That Girl and Phil* from a friend, or wait for it to be in the remainder bin. My advice to Marlo Thomas: Get a lawyer and sue the fucker.

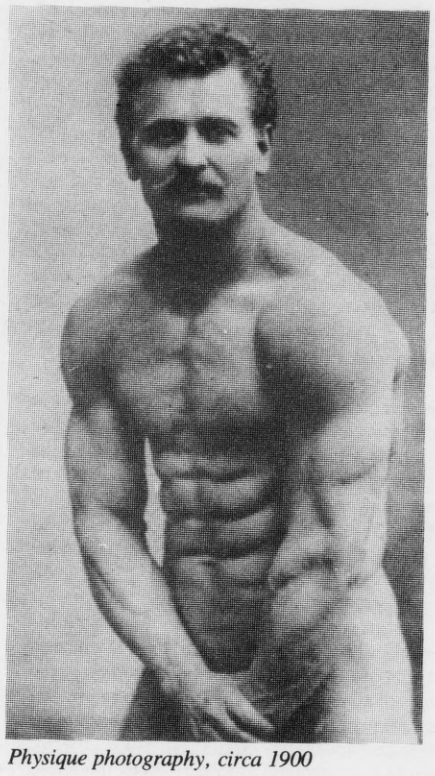
The Arena of Masculinity: Sports, Homosexuality and the Meaning of Sex

By Brian Pronger
St. Martin's Press, 1990

REVIEWED BY JEFFREY ESCOFFIER

The old stereotypes of the sissy who couldn't throw a ball and the tomboy who could, capture, for many of us, a key experience of our homosexuality. Why, then, are the local gay sports leagues (of softball, bowling, etc.) often the largest amateur sports organizations in their areas? Certainly the immense success of the Gay Games demonstrates that sports has become a central aspect of gay male and lesbian life. Brian Pronger's book, *The Arena of Masculinity*, attempts to explore this compelling subject.

The focus of *The Arena of Masculinity* is the relation between sports and the myths of gender of our society. Pronger argues that the primary role of sports has been to establish, dramatize, and reinforce "traditional masculinity." The growth of sports as a central activity of modern male socialization and leisure was promoted, Pronger believes, to counteract increased dominance of women over adolescent boys, as men were able to spend less and less time with their sons because they had to work outside of the household. He also documents the significance of aggression in male socialization and why the most violent sports, such as football, are perceived to be the most masculine. Masculinity, Pronger argues, embodies the patriarchal power of men in our society.



Physique photography, circa 1900

Pronger is most provocative when he talks about the meaning of sex. It is precisely the role of sports in the enforcement of "traditional masculinity" that gives the symbols of sports their erotic appeal to so many gay men. Through interviews with gay men about their attitudes toward sports and their athletic experience, and by analyzing sports motifs in gay porn videos, Pronger explores the central importance of masculine symbols in male eroticism. Pronger goes even further to claim that male homosexuality is fundamentally rooted in the erotic charge of masculinity itself. Pronger takes exception to the idea that homosexuality is merely "a preference for sex with someone of the same gender"—that is too neutral a formulation, too tepid. It leaves out the erotic importance of male power. Male homosexual desire cannot escape the appeal of masculinity as a symbol of social power. But he also believes that male homosexual desire is allied with the feminist critique of patriarchy, because gay male eroticism is rooted in what he calls the "homoerotic paradox"—the erotic exaltation of the masculine and its violation. The charge of male eroticism is in the attainment of masculinity (in physique, achievement or sexual role) and its violation (in fucking a bodybuilder or getting fucked by someone less "masculine"). Gay male sexuality is thus deeply suffused with irony and an awareness of the social character of masculinity itself.

Clearly, Pronger has addressed many fascinating and crucial issues. His discussion of the meaning of sex takes us away from the accepted politically correct view that gay male eroticism is "just a preference"; no, he says, it is masculine power and its violation that is hot.

Unfortunately, Pronger adopts an academic, philosophical language that often obscures his most interesting and provocative arguments, making *The Arena of Masculinity* often verbose and pretentious. A reader who can weave through it, however, will find a significant contribution to the critical literature about sex and gender roles.

Circumcision: What It Does

By Billy Ray Boyd
Taterhill Press, 1190, $6.95

REVIEWED BY JACK FERTIG

About a year ago, just before becoming an uncle, I complained to my mother that the pamphlets I'd sent my sister had failed to convince her. "If it's a boy, they're going to circumcise him. If it's a girl, they're going to name her *Tina Tindall*." Mother shared the horror of having either a mutilated grandson or else a granddaugher with an alliterative monicker suggesting a John Waters anti-hera. We plotted to snatch the child before damage could be done and give it to properly sensible Lesbians. I then went into mild shock, realizing that my mother had had a proper education far too late for my benefit.

Well, Dear Reader, I have good news. My lovely niece was named Melissa, and a new book provides compelling arguments against the generally dying and sometimes deadly practice of

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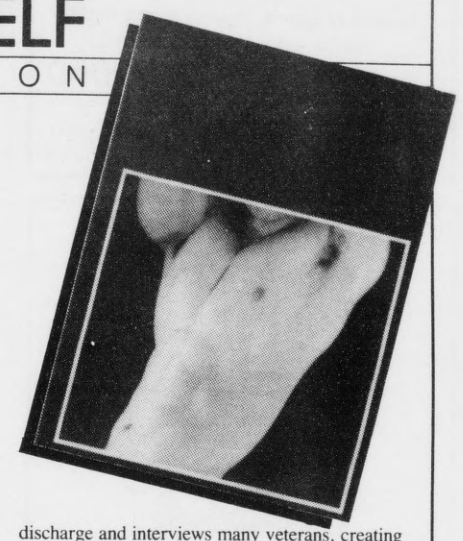

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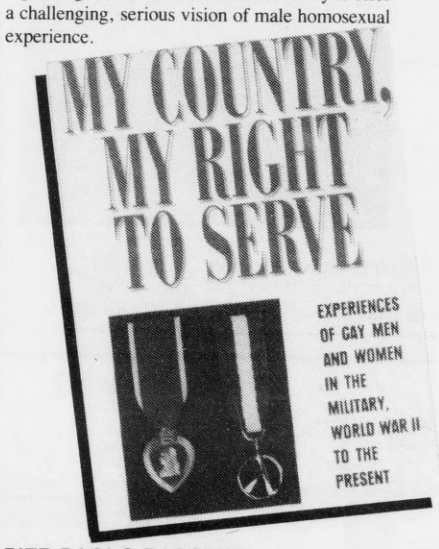

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Gay Men and Their Development
Richard Isay

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circumcision.

The author of *Circumcision* makes no pretense of neutrality. As the intellectual traditions of our culture respect neutrality over commitment, this dedication may work against him.

The book is an excellent resource for those of us who are opposed to infant circumcision (and what connoisseur of male genitalia isn't?). Whether we are planning parenthood or wish to lobby our reproductive friends and relatives in favor of leaving their sons intact, this book is a must. On the other hand, it may be a bit heavy handed to send directly to friends considering the question from a more "neutral" position. Read it for yourself. Consider whether you'd rather send it to the parents-to-be or simply to offer the arguments and references most relevant to their specific issues. Quite a few sensitive points are covered here, perhaps some are too sensitive for direct exposure.

Can one truly be neutral on the subject? On what basis does one accept routine circumcision? If one views it as a form of mutilation, obviously there is no neutrality. If one accepts circumcision unquestioningly, "neutrality" is a cover for ignorance. There have been studies that support circumcision as a form of prophylaxis, but in this book they are demonstrated as having flawed bases. Other studies, critical of routine circumcision, have been misrepresented in the press. In any event, the very real damages from a slip of the snip far outnumber the statistical linkages to diseases that some doctors cite off-the-cuff. (It is also noteworthy that circumcision is a money maker. Doctors annually make hundreds of millions at a fast clip!)

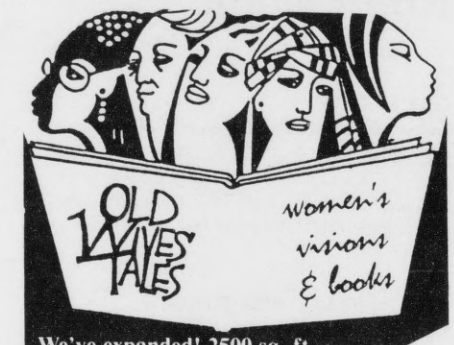
There is an entire chapter dealing with circumcision among Jews. Boyd goes to great effort to condemn any anti-Semitism, and to expose skinhead tendencies which indeed exist in the "preservationist" movement. I personally find it exhausting to wade through *goyische* protestations of sympathy to Jews, just as it gets tedious to hear straights insist at length that they are pro-Gay, but considering the subject matter, he is indeed better off erring on the side of caution.

Fortunately, Boyd has done his homework and provides enough information to head off the next *bris* in my family! The author reports on variations of circumcision techniques at various times in Jewish history. For example, at the birth of the Reform Movement, circumcision was rejected and later re-adopted. At many times the *mohel* would only remove the tip of the skin—not peel it off the glans as is commonly done now. In Europe, many Jews today do not practice circumcision and regard it as barbarous. Even in America—the only secular nation where circumcision is considered routine—a growing number of Jews are practing the *Bris Shalom*, an infant naming ceremony that allows boys to remain uncut. A number of Jewish leaders in the preservationist movement are also listed — including local video health *maven* Dr. Dean Edell.

There are also quotes from pro-circumcisionists, both Talmudic and Victorian, showing the eratophobic roots of the practice. Starkly revealed, the point is to diminish sexual pleasure. Europe has drawn the shade on this puritanical practice, and such roundheaded nonsense is in the decline even in America. The principle rationale for circumcision today is conformity, but even here the proportions of uncut organs are growing, and parents who wish their boys to fit in should leave well enough alone.

While the book concentrates on male circumcision, there is also some discussion of female circumcision, practiced in certain African and Arab cultures. This may include a clitoridectomy and/or various mutilations of the labia. The details are horrifying. Anyone concerned with the most basic of human rights should be up in arms against involuntary genital mutilation, but then why do we commonly accept the damage done to baby boys? Even if a successful circumcision is not considered damaging, one in 500 is not successful, leading to further mutilation, impotence, and sometimes death.

The appendices include resources for information and action, including Jewish support groups and foreskin restoration techniques. Altogether this is an invaluable text for anyone who would spare the rod, and not spoil the child.



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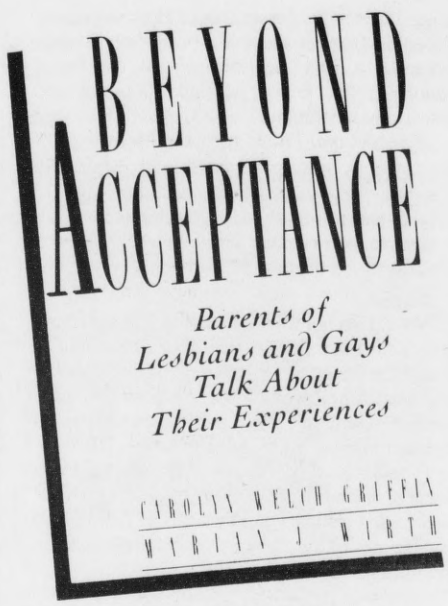

burst into tears upon seeing a contingent designated as parents and friends of lesbians and gays. It took me several days to sort out my feelings, but I finally acknowledged to myself that the "acceptance" I thought I'd been granted by my parents was only partial, and it varied according to circumstances. I knew with complete certainty, however, that it did not extend to marching in a Gay Pride parade and probably never would.

Beyond Acceptance is a book written by parents who do march in our parades. They are members of P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays), a self-help organization whose membership has spread to at least 46 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada. Their purpose in writing the book was threefold: to inform and reassure other parents of lesbians and gays; to "share the varieties of personal and family growth" the group members have experienced; and finally, to fight homophobia in the culture at large.

Simply written, barely 200 pages long, *Beyond Acceptance* nevertheless manages to succeed in all three objectives. And while it doesn't purport to be scientific (much of it consists of taped interviews with 23 members of P-FLAG), it is obvious that a great deal of research has gone into it as well.

While it is comforting to have so much gay-positive research reviewed and explained, the informational aspects of the book will probably seem quite elementary to most gay and lesbian readers (although, unfortunately, maybe not to their parents). Most of us, for instance, presumably know that homosexuality isn't a disease we caught or a phase we will outgrow.

For us, this book has a different value: we get to see the flip side of the coming out experience, in the words of our mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. From the first chapter, "Finding Out," to the final "Postscript About AIDS," we are presented with these voices, sometimes eloquent, sometimes faltering, but always illuminating.

> It happened on a Sunday morning—a sunny day in February. We were still in bed when Craig came into the room and said, "I have something to tell you."
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> He sat at the foot of the bed, crossed his arms, and I thought, "Oh my God." Then he said, "I can't lie to you anymore. I'm gay."
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> The words made my ears ring. We argued, and there was some uproar. I begged him not to act on it, but he already had... Later, after I quieted down, I had a feeling that was about the same as when somebody dies...

A familiar scene, and one that for us is usually the culmination of many months, if not years, of excruciating internal (and sometimes external) debate. But for our parents, it may be just the beginning.

The authors have identified a process which takes parents from the initial shock and pain to acceptance and beyond. It is that path (and its detours) which can be fascinating to the gay reader.

"There are four actions that parents may take that are typical," we are told in Chapter One. "The first three lead to parental despair; the fourth opens possibilities for change and, eventually, in-

Beyond Acceptance:

Parents of Lesbians & Gays Talk About Their Experiences

By Carolyn Welch Griffin, Marian J. Wirth and Arthur G. Wirth
St. Martin's Press, 1990, $9.95

REVIEWED BY LORI UBELL

In the spring of 1977, after much agonizing, I came out to my parents. My mother cried a little, but both she and my father assured me that they still loved me. I thought that was the end of it.

So I was utterly baffled when, eight years later, at the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day March, I

ner peace. They are: breaking contact, trying to change the child, ignoring the issue, and accepting reality.''

Many gays and lesbians know first-hand the grief that comes from the first three courses. For a lot of us, getting our parents to accept reality is better than we can hope for. It is to the authors' credit, therefore, that they see it as the very least that can be expected.

For the remainder of the book, the parents of P-FLAG describe the journeys they took from pain to acceptance to (in many cases) activism.

Although *Beyond Acceptance* relies heavily on interviews, it is more than just a collection of random thoughts. The authors have a definite point of view, and they aren't afraid to push it hard. Fortunately, the point of view is that we are normal, deserve full rights, and it is up to parents to adjust their thinking. They see it as the parental coming out. There is even a section called ''Why Parents Need Their Children to Come Out to Them''!

But if the authors are firm in pushing for total acceptance, they are gentle in guiding bewildered parents through the different stages of coming out. They, and their interviewees, describe with compassion and humor what feelings to expect, where to go for information, the myths and realities of gay life, what various churches think, and even how, when and what to tell family members and friends.

''One friend asked me, 'Wouldn't you like it better if he wasn't gay?' And I can very honestly say 'no.'...This is him. Being gay is part of him... Now, I confess, I do wish he'd stand up straight. He's going to have a bad back by the time he's thirty.''

There were two noticeable flaws in *Beyond Acceptance*; both can easily be remedied in a second edition. The first is that, since this is a reprint of a hardcover book originally published in 1986, there is some information which needs to be updated. The chapter on AIDS could especially use an overhaul, and I believe there have been some additional studies on gay and lesbian parenting since then as well.

A more serious, but still correctable, shortcoming is that all of the parents interviewed are white, middle-class, and overwhelmingly Christian. Surely, at this point, there are many P-FLAG members who represent other races, religions and classes. Their input would only make a good book much better.

Along the same line, the chapter on religious thinking pays only the most cursory attention to Judaism (''the views among Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews seem to roughly parallel the four orientations found among Christians...'') and ignores all other religions completely. Since it is probably crucial for many parents to know what their religion's attitude towards homosexuality is, as well as the responses of P-FLAG parents, I'd like to see this chapter expanded as well.

I'd recommend this book to any gay person who has (or has ever had) parents, whether you are out to them or not. And certainly, I'd recommend it to any parent who knows, or even supposes, that his or her child is gay. I'm sending it to mine.

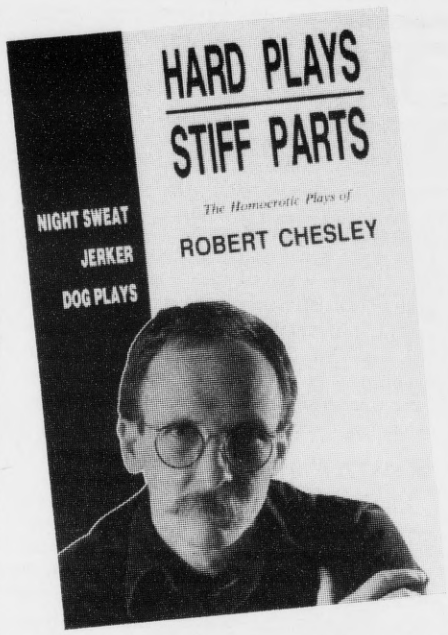
Hard Plays/Stiff Parts

By Robert Chesley
Alamo Square Press, 1990, $9.95

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

Billed as the ''homoerotic plays by Robert Chesley,'' *Hard Plays/Stiff Parts* consists of *Night Sweat*, *Jerker* and the *Dog Plays*. The first two texts are joyous exaltations of the beauty of gay men and gay sex. *Dog Plays*, three short one-acts written after Chesley's AIDS diagnosis, ache with longing and yet are filled with courage and strength in light of his own struggle.

That struggle recently ended when Chesley died in early December 1990. Despite the proliferation of KS lesions over his body, he refused to hide himself or his affliction. Instead, he publicly displayed his lesions to advocate for the *non-*



stigmatization of PWAs. The work of local photographer Mark I. Chester furthered this goal recently by celebrating Chesley's life and lusts in a series of explicit photographs, complete with lesions and oftentimes with erection. In keeping with the playwright's attitudes, the photos have been widely displayed and appeared in the July 1990 issue of *SF Bay Times*.

The artist is now dead. But he has left behind his plays, some of the most powerful included in *Hard Plays/Stiff Parts*.

But why read a book of plays when plays exist only in theatres, and the texts are nothing but blueprints of the writer's intentions? In this case the answer is simple: the language and messages of Robert Chesley are so overwhelmingly powerful, articulate, wise and heart-warming that they transcend the format of the playscript. A pioneer in not-just-gay theatre, in the expression of gay sensuality and sexuality, Chesley imbues his characters as well as his plots with these important agendas.

A hint to the reader: Read the ''Notes'' preceding each play. Written by Chesley, they are fascinating chronicles of the times in which the plays were written and performed and reveal much about his intentions and responses to the current state of the community.

Night Sweat

A Romantic Comedy in Two Acts
(Dedicated to Mark I. Chester)
written October 3, 1983

Chesley's own words in his opening Notes reveal much: ''*Night Sweat* has the dubious distinction of being the first-produced, full-length play dealing with AIDS... It's about a community which based a significant part of its identity—and economy—on a celebration of sex now facing a lethal, sexually-transmitted disease.''

The plot suits the playwright's intentions. Richard pays $10,000 to join Coupe de Grace, a camp for gay men where each arranges to die during his wildest fantasy, also known as an Experience. ''Unfortunately,'' he falls in love and his doubts begin to grow. Yet he refuses to die slowly from his disease (AIDS is never mentioned), so he's determined to go through with his own Experience. Juxtaposed throughout Richard's story are the imaginative suicides of other Camp denizens. One even includes a superhero fantasy where all characters are decked out in tights—Chesley's favorite fetish. Art Jagonassi's quirky illustrations provide pleasant visuals in addition to a few production photos.

Chesley's poetic touches are expressed through the play's ''hero,'' Richard (a gardener by profession), who questions himself and his life as his Experience draws near:

> I've spent my life making—trying to make—gardens for people. Other people. That's a nice thing to do. They seem to like it... I walk through my garden at night. The briars rip at my legs, I stumble, and I just lie there and let the thorns sink into the flesh of my face, and I dream of rotting into the earth.

Sounds pretty grim. Very grim actually. Yet Chesley somehow makes the play mostly lighthearted and often very funny. Don't ask me how he does it, but he does. The characters are all very charming. Some are even outrageous flirts. Despite the death surrounding them, they live and love.

Jerker

or ''*The Helping Hand*, A Pornographic elegy with Redeeming Social Value and a Hymn to the Queer Men of San Francisco in Twenty Telephone Calls, Many of Them Dirty;'' June 26, 1985

Again Chesley edifies in his opening Notes: ''*Jerker* has the dubious distinction of being the play that launched the current phase of governmental repression of sexual art... The FCC then changed its guidelines, making them both vaguer and more stringent... So *Jerker* has inadvertently caused a lot of damage.'' The trend toward censorship certainly didn't begin with the broadcast of Chesley's play, but freedom of expression did take a giant step backward into the darkness. Sort of a Robert Mapplethorpe of the theatre.

Historical significance aside, reading *Jerker* is a joyous affirmation of the sexuality of gay men—defying the devastating power of an elusive virus. Chesley both chronicles the growing relationship between two men, and depicts the safest of all sex as hot, hot, hot!

Turned on by an anonymous phone call, Bert goes with the flow as he offers the stranger the following details:

> BERT: Easing on my balls, now, still got 'em cupped in my hand, but I'm hooking one thumb over the base of my cock, and holding it there, firm'n hard; and I'm pressing the base, the root, you know? And now I got my other fingers on my cock—my right hand, I mean; four fingers on the underside of the shaft, thumb on top, near the head, and I'm pulling up and down, up and down, stretching my legs out and tensing, gonna shoot a load onto my belly—

Through the series of telephone calls, the two men exchange masturbation fantasies which are chock full of graphic descriptions of what is now sadly considered unsafe sex. For those of you who

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CHATTER BOX

BY DEENA JONES

A belated but not too late Happy New Year to all you hot and steamy men, women and QUEENS out there. Nineteen ninety came and went so fast I'm sure some of us don't even know what hit us. With the busy holidays, my column was unable to make it to the office, and for that I am sorry. The reason I say this is that I was out having dinner in the Castro at Lupan's one Thursday night when two Divas said, "I thought you would be back in January" (pushy, just too pushy). Nevertheless, it is good to be back.

It has been a long and hard five months without my honey James. I have good days and I have bad days. Sometimes more bad than good; those of you who have gone through it know where I'm coming from. You know it is really strange—the holidays without James were bad, but James not being here for my birthday was even worse. Every year Jim would fix me breakfast in bed. One year it got so hot and steamy, we had syrup everywhere. Well, enough about that. This is a family column. I don't get out much anymore, so I just want you to know I'm OK.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Yet again AIDS hits our community with many more losses. Aldo Bell, one of the most talented young Black men in our community—singer, songwriter and a really good friend... all my love to you, K.B. Miss Piggy, longtime member of the royal courts and bike clubs... John Maselli, better known as Cobalt Blue, one of the founders of the Balloon Girls... and last but not least, my main man Mr. Bob Cramer, founder of the Cable Car Awards and the third Emperor of San Francisco. I could go on and on talking about Bob and the others but that would take up too much time. They were all wonderful people and played major roles in my life. If you did not know them, I wish you had. And if you did, you know the loss our community has had. To all the families and friends of these wonderful people and others who are not mentioned, I share your love. Hang in there.

SKIDAZZLE '91

The Coits of San Francisco are on that snowy road again to ski Mount Rose near Reno, Nevada. Two nights at the Sands Hotel, with all the festivities to go along with it. The thing that struck me as so funny about the trip this year was that the 11th Annual Queen of Southshore will be happening, but the current Queen is in EXILE. So Stanley Boyd, get me that child's address so I can send her my new book that came out for Christmas, *All You Ever Wanted to Know About Being In EXILE, But Were Afraid to Ask.*

THE COURT LIVES

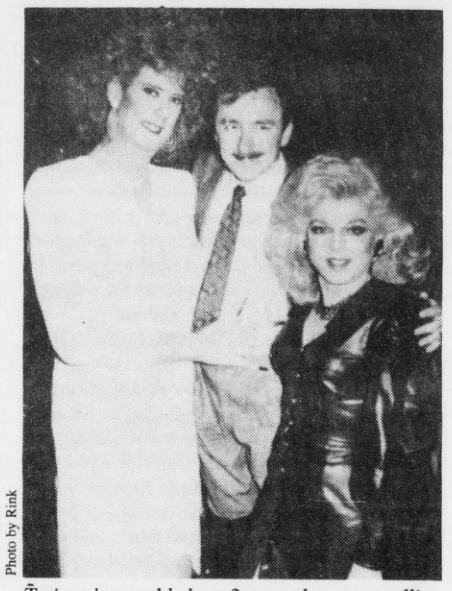
Speaking of exile! The Betrayed Woman, namely Me, wants to talk about the Court. Give me about five minutes with these QUEENS who like to DISH. For you others—this is the time to put down your *SF Bay Times* to take a bathroom break or go to the kitchen.

GIRLS, CAN WE TALK!

Yes, it is true. I went to the presentation of candidates and, yes, I had a good time—I'll tell you why a bit later. There are four candidates: three for Emperor and one for Empress. Mr. Lee-Ona has been around for awhile, has worked with many charities, and at last will get to run for Emperor. Michael Bowman, past Grand Duke of San Francisco, has also been around and has raised money for many charity groups in San Francisco and Northern California. Joel Irvine, new kid on the block, has only been involved with the Court for about a year, which means he has new fresh ideas—great! Caress is the candidate for Empress. Just to let you know, she still has to win by 51 percent of the vote. She is somewhat new, but I think her heart is in the right place. Just a note to her campaign staff: Take that hairspray away from that child! Well, that's the group, folks. What do I think? Well, seeing that my stars (candidates) for next year all look so good, I think I will leave the voting to you. The reason I had such a wonderful time was because of my big brother Larry who was in Caress' presentation. Larry was the best entertainment (in leather and working the stage like he was having sex) of the night—and that's the truth! Last time I saw Larry move that fast was when Mamma told Larry that Tatiana was going to have her 12th child.

Coronation 1991 will be held February 23, Saturday evening at 7:00 pm at the GiftCenter Pavilion, 888 Brannan, SF. Tickets are from $20 to $50. The host hotel will be the Americana Suite, 1594 Market Street. The Imperial Roast will be Wednesday, February 20 at Chez Mollet, 52 Bryant Street. Twendy dollars includes dinner at 8:00 pm. Out of town show on Friday the 22nd at the Corral, 2140 Market Street, $5 bucks at the door. Time is 8:00 pm. The Victory Brunch will be Sunday the 24th at Chez Mollet with the price tag at $13. FYI to you folks: I hear all the special entertainment for the coronation will be LIVE! Marlene and Simeon ask me to thank you, the community, for their wonderful and exciting year. For more information you can call the Mint Bar at 626-4726 or the Over Pass Bar at 864-6672. They say Empress Freida was Empress 9 and Empress Connie was Empress 18, so it seems every nine years we have an Empress of color. (WELL, WELL, ISN'T THAT SPECIAL.) As Bruce would say, "Here we go again!"

Now, I know you folks are looking for me to trash Jerry but I am not going to. This column is not here to say he had it coming. Jerry's business is Jerry's business, but like my Mamma always said, "God don't like ugly."



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Tatiana's monthly benefit party keeps on rolling at Kimo's. Here's Tat (left) is joined by Danny Williams (in the tie) and Davida.

WELCOME BACK, GANG! CAFE SAN MARCOS SUNDAY BRUNCH

Looking for a new Sunday brunch place? Have I got the spot for you! Cafe San Marcos has reopened their cafe at Market and 17th St. The new chef, Tony McIntosh, has put together a wonderful brunch menu that's priced just right. Brunch hours are Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. Their dinner menu is also very good.

P.S. Happy Valentine's Day, Marcus.

TATIANA AND COMPANY: FIRST SATURDAY

Rolling into another successful year, Tatiana and Company just keep on raising that money... So don't forget First Saturday, 2/2 at Kimo's, Polk and Pine, 10 pm. Only $5. Way to go, Sis.

THE GRAND HYATT PRESENTS OPERA IN THE PLAZA

For all you downtown ladies, gentlemen and Queens, the Grand Hyatt on Union Square will be having opera singers on Valentine's Day from noon to 1 pm in the Plaza Restaurant. You should make reservations by calling 398-1234. This one is going to be HOT! So be there!

THE GODFATHER SERVICE FUND NEEDS YOU!

The GSF needs your support in giving personal care packages to AIDS patients in hospitals and hospices. The soft terry cloth robes and warm fleece lined slippers are welcomed by the patients. In addition to the robes and slippers, the packages contain razors, shaving cream, hairbrush, combs, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, nail clippers and, of course, a cuddly teddy bear. You would be surprised how many patients don't have these things.

The all-volunteer staff cannot continue if they cannot meet their budget. The cost for the full package is $60 which they buy at cost (even less than wholesale) from vendors.

The GSF would like to thank all the volunteers, vendors, shops and bars for their help with Christmas. For more information write to: The Godfather Service Fund, 584 Castro St, SF CA 94114. Your contribution is tax deductible.

S.M.M.I.L.E.

The South of Market Merchants and Individuals Lifestyle Events (now that's a name!) have set the dates for both of their street fairs. Up Your Alley Fair ("The Leather Block Party") will be Sun-

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day, August 4 and the Folsom Street Fair will be Sunday, September 22. They are also now accepting logo ideas and designs for these two events. The deadline is February 26. Mail your entry to LOGOS, c/o S.M.M.I.L.E., 109 Minna Street #439, San Francisco, CA 94105. If you need any other information, please contact Pat Weibeler at 282-1864. S.M.M.I.L.E. has also come out with a ribbon design with the gay pride colors and it's really nice. These ribbons will hit the local stores this month so be on the lookout. A special thank you to Jerry Vallaire and Michael Valerio for all their fine work in our community. Both are S.M.M.I.L.E. board members. (There are a total of 10 on the Board.) Good luck, guys and gals.

BRING IT ON HOME

To all of you who remembered my birthday (January 17), thank you so much. FYI—I hear Bea Roman has been nominated Cable Car Award's Woman of the Year. Couldn't have happened to a better person... Calling Wally Sherwood of Sherwood's Forest: I have not forgotten about you, you sweet man, you. If you see Mr. Buchanan, better yet, George, if you're still out there, thanks for everything and have a great New Year. FYI—I will be singing at the 1991 Cable Car Awards and Show in March and I hope to see a lot of you there. A special thanks to Pat Parr, Menage, Sam Gray, Solomon Rose, Sandy Van and my good sister Lisa Gray for helping me with my project in Oakland. And a very special thank you to Dennis Lints—you were awesome.

Remember February 14 is Valentine's Day, a day for friends and lovers. On February 14 at noon I ask that those of you (us) who have lost our lovers and friends take time to send a message of healing to each other. It's a way to be able to get through the bad days and feel good about ourselves. The pain seems to hurt just a little less each time.

Next time we will get an inside look at the new board of the G.S.L. and the upcoming softball year. Always remember to be there for each other.

Love ya,
Deena

Beatthis...

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beyond a doubt that *4 non-Blondes*' time has come. They will be the next big S.F.-based band, the next local group most likely to cut a deal with a major label, and the act we most want *The Indigo Girls* and Tracy Chapman to hear and then hang their folky heads in shame over the bounding vitality they seem to lack in comparison.

Nobody ever said that all folk music had to be played in a manner appropriate to a street busker or a camp counselor strumming out "Cumbaya" around a campfire. Songs of social relevance can also be rendered in a rock-hard, electrified manner, and on the day that a new war begins, which style would you prefer? X has been making hardcore folk music for years, and *4 non-Blondes* have plenty to say and will definitely do so with their full-tongue rock and roll sensibility intact. Years of experience and an unmitigated drive show with every knowing, fingerpopping base line, eccentrically timed break, frenzied guitar part, and powerfully plaintive vocalization. This band is more than ready. On this special night of destruction, I was glad that something was making sense. After a two song encore, they left the stage covered with play money and little green plastic army men. I snatched one up and said, "This is going in someone's dinner salad at work tomorrow night." It seemed far more eloquent an act of protest than smashing Macy's windows out.

Next up was *The Jackson Saints*, a butt-kickin' rock outfit who've been playing locally for a few years. Their changing line up came to finally include vocalist extraordinaire Chuck Davis of *The Lawn Vultures*. I've long been of the belief that Chuck is indeed one of S.F.'s best kept secrets, a talent of remarkable passion and ability. Until this night, it always seemed he had just never found the right band to front. Well, the *Saints* seem to suit him just fine, and by the fourth song these musicians kicked into the crunching, no wimps allowed, guitar-fest mode that suddenly made it clear to me why *4 non-Blondes* consider *The Jackson Saints* one of their favorite locals. They just fucking kick, and that's all there is to it, aside from the obvious improvement time has delivered to their unified guitar assault.

At one point, and I'm not exactly sure how it happened, one of the guitarists pulled the plug out of his guitar and held it by the neck as oddly colored green flames shot from the hole at the base of its body. He just smiled and looked at it. Near the end of the show between songs, Chuck started relaying a basic message of pro-peace to the fresh-into-wartime audience, then interrupted the spell by screaming out the simple, succinct purpose of the night: "Fuckin' Rock and Roll!" It was a command, and I took heed. What else can you do?

FAINT OF HEART

Ever find yourself at a club dancing alway and "Groove Is in The Heart" by *Deelite* comes on for the millionth time and you're the only one racing off the dance floor rather than on? Ever wish for a world with DJs that actually like guitars? Ever feel like the only queer who likes Rock and Roll and can only wish for a queer place to enjoy it? Well, Nancy Kravitz of Female Trouble fame jumps back into the fold on Ash Wednesday, February 13, with the only 18 and up, after hours, gay guy and dyke rock and roll bar in the area. Called Faint of Heart, and if you are, stay home, this event will feature all rock music spun by tag-team DJs John Ginoli and myself, in a dark basement that will hopefully see many a rock fan bouncing off the walls till 3 AM, when not lurking in the darker nooks and crannys of this two-level space for other activities associated with the devil. So, it's Ash Wednesday! Let's all give up House music for Lent. Be there, you queers, and bring your straight friends that usually attend rock events with you because so many queers shy away from the scary double-R phrase. (See event listings for details.)

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Irma Vep...

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Lady Hillcrest (an actress!). A glance of disdain, a lift of the skirt, and he glides from the room. Dan Hiatt (*Greater Tuna, Curse of the Werewolf, and Noises Off*) is giddy, girlish Lady Enid, as eager and virginal as a Jane Austen heroine. When ill-advised by malicious Jane that the master likes a certain dress—so much so that he sometimes puts it on himself—innocent Enid remarks, "A man who wears a woman's dress now and then can't be all bad."

Whenever possible, and that is most of the time, Ludlum's dialogue and situations are outrageous turns on familiar material. But the secret of the fun is that it's treated seriously without ever resorting to camp. Just hearing Hiatt roll his tongue over the mispronunciation of *sarcophagus* is comedy heaven.

Irma Vep is a celebration of stagecraft, wigging, costuming (they must have cornered the Velcro market), and sheer stamina on the part of the two man cast. Seconds after the kitchen door swings shut on Jane, the French door parts to admit an impeccably dressed and monocled Lord Edgar, or perhaps the mysterious stranger. Changes are so fast and furious that Lady Enid is called upon to remark, "Jane, you do the work of *three* people." The wooden-legged Nicodemus no sooner charges out to search the foggy moor than Lady Enid trips in gowned and turbaned (ala Edward Gorey) for a formal dinner.

By its very nature, *Irma Vep* is a cooperative endeavor. Without Sandra Woodall's elaborately constructed fly-away costumes, Rick Echols masks and wigs, Dawn Swiderski's distasteful purple-walled foreboding musical scoring, it wouldn't work. But it does work and it keeps the full house laughing from curtain to curtain.

Irma Vep, by the way, is *vampire* "anagrammatized."

The Mystery of Irma Vep continues at the Eureka through Feb. 17. Go for it. Call 558-9898.

Astrology...

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may find your tongue becoming more vicious than you intend. Perhaps you want to work on your Addison DeWitt impression, but you may find yourself verbally eviscerating people to whom you actually mean no harm. Your tongue will surprise you and do worse to others if you're not careful.

SAGITTARIUS: You've been having to work awfully hard for every cent that comes in. A lot of hard work could make a lot of cents, and your usual philosphical nature and good luck make it all better than it sounds. Now is your chance to try out something new and creative to make money. It will still be a lot of hard work, but you'll enjoy the intellectual challenge that comes with the new opportunity. Your natural penchant for freedom and individuality comes to the fore and may seem a bit forced. Working hard at exerting yourself only indicates that you are feeling the weight of somebody's thumb. Rebellion can disrupt your finances, but following the freedom that comes from within will prove profitable.

CAPRICORN: You've been a little bit hard on yourself lately, that is, a little more than usual. Now is a time to be more creative, but please, dear, not more creatively hard on yourself. You've been working especially hard and been even more responsible than your average Capricorn. This will change— not quite soon enough, but for now you can look ahead and see where all this hard work is leading. Be very careful not to get ahead of yourself with all the plans you're inclined to make these days. Evidence to the contrary, you are not capable of sustaining your superhuman efforts. Be sure you're getting some reward for your troubles or you will subvert your endeavors with unconscious rebellion. No, lovey, it is not poltergeists; it's you.

AQUARIUS: The way things are going you may expect to hear Rod Serling beginning to narrate your life. A lot of stuff has been coming out of your own personal Twilight Zone, and now it is beginning to get weirder but clearer. It is easy to get agitated over past failures and to build them out of proportion. Consider your successes and look forward to things yet to accomplish. This is not an easy period of your life, but you can overcome the challenges that lie ahead. There's a lot of hard work involved. Concentrate on long-range goals and prepare to focus on work you enjoy. *Happy Birthday: Nina Glaser, Will Kalb, and Michael Gregg.*

PISCES: Some of your stranger friends seem to be getting stranger yet. You could run into difficulties as your expectations of each other seem to fall way wide of the mark. Agreements and plans need to be very carefully articulated. Disagreements can lead you down into pessimism. Be very careful to affirm your best hopes and dreams. You may have to focus, abandoning certain wishes for a clearer vision of how to realize others. Think of it as giving up quantity for the sake of quality. You're not running out of choices. You're getting clearer on your path. *Happy Birthday: Lydia MacMahon.*

Hard Plays...

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thought the theatre was for stuffed-shirt conservatives, read on:

> BERT: ...I've never had such a gentle, *sensitive* fuck, before or after, and he must have gone at it twenty minutes at the *very* least, just sliding his cock back and forth so steadily inside my ass, and both of us on the edge of cumming, but not tensing up to it, but relaxing instead, you know, and letting the feeling, the tingle, go through all of our bodies, and feeling so good to be so close, body to body. And then he whispered in my ear: "You're gonna feel me cum inside you"—and I did: I felt his cum pulse up his shaft inside my ass, I could count the pulses—

Eat your heart out, Jesse Helms! If you have one.

But more than a simple series of j.o. calls, the two men grow closer, emotionally supporting each other through grief and sickness. A love begins to thrive between them despite the fact that one never learns the other's name. Yet there is nothing anonymous about the caring and sharing between them.

Dog Plays

(Dedicated to the Memory of Geoff Mains, author of *Urban Aboriginals*)

The *Dog Plays* is a collection of three one-act plays written after Chesley received his AIDS diagnosis. In his own words, it is "the most unremittingly sad piece for theater since the Greeks." The imagery is dark and sometimes with nightmarish qualities *(Wild) Person, Tense (Dog)* deals with the stigmatization of PWAs by other gays—in this case, a man afraid of the disease in himself. *The Deploration of Rover* is a bittersweet tribute to dead friends. And *Hold* is told in two voices: one says good-bye to the dying and the other offers a farewell to survivors.

To sum up the main message in the works of *Hard Plays/Stiff Parts* is to sum up the life and philosophy of their author, one of gay theatre's greatest contributors:

> (from *Night Sweat*)
> RICHARD: But I'm going to die!
> TOM: Yes, yes, But meanwhile you're going to live! Live until the very *moment* you die! And make love! Make love in every possible, safe and sensible way. Enjoy it all, from the most delicate cruising to the heaviest S and M trips! Oh yes! So long as you do it with your head and heart!

For the rich legacy you've left us, your community, thank you, Robert Chesley. Rest in peace.

Resource Guide...

Wayne 827-4077 for details.

Siblings of a mentally ill sister or brother support group: For lesbians & gay men who have mentally ill siblings. Talk about feelings of loss, anger, sadness & fear; discuss paying attention to our own needs. Info: 661-6379.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian Mothers/Persian Gulf Crisis: support group for women with children in military service in the Persian Gulf. Gay fathers welcome. See Parenting & Family Resources listing for details.

Gay Writers Support Group & wkshop for gay men actively engaged in writing. Writers asked to submit 10 pages of their work. No fee. SF mtgs, 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 550-8063.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, **"incest/battery therapy"** and **"discussion/consultation groups"**.

► YOUTH

Youth Rap! Meet other young lesbians, gays, bisexuals (or wondering), age 22 or under, in a friendly, supportive group. Talk about sexuality, coming out, dealing with parents & friends. Speakers, videos, social events, etc. Thurs, 4-5:30 pm, 1700 Jackson St nr Van Ness Ave, SF. Info Rik or Holly 558-4801.

Lesbian/Gay Social Group for high-school age students. Info: Christin 554-7632.

Youth Group for Gay/Bi or ? Women & Men age 23 or under. Drop-in. Suggest topics, make friends. 1:30- 3 pm, Sat at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Peninsula Gay/Lesbian Youth Group discussion/social, Sun at 2 pm. Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 856-1144, or write POB 60782, Palo Alto, CA. Group is not church-affiliated.

Sexual Identity Forum for gay/lesbian/bisexual youth and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 and under. Wed 7:30-9 pm at The Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Info: 572-0535.

Slightly Younger Lesbians & Gays, a social/support/activity group for men & women under 25. Meets every Sunday, 1-3pm, San Jose location. Info: (408) 293-4529.

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: see Hotlines & Referrals.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: John W 626-7000.

Young Gay Men's Rap Group for those 23 & under. Fri 7-9 pm. Non-therapy rap group conceived & conducted by gay & bisexual men. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 826-2526.

Young Lesbians: weekly support group for those 25 & under, Santa Cruz location. Info: Valerie (408)427-3862.

Peninsula Young Gay Men: support group for gay men under 23 who live in the Northern Peninsula. Info: 979-8864.

Join the GAY Group (Growing American Youth) group, open to gay men & lesbians 23 & under. Meets 2nd & 4th Fri of each month, 7 pm, Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: 827-2960.

"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by CSP Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

Children of alcoholics/addicts group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

Prevention & Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers. See Addiction Recovery.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-1115.

Rap Group for gay, lesbian & bisexual youth, 21 & under. Explore issues of sexuality, coming out, relationships & more in a supportive environment. Meet other gay youth & youth who are exploring their sexuality. Group meets Fridays, 6:30-8 pm, Community Living Room, 28 W 37th Ave, San Mateo (very accessible, cross street is El Camino Real, very near Hillsdale exit off route 101). Info: 572-0535.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & group therapy. SL starts at $15. Lesbian-only groups available. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Sexual Compulsive Group for gay men: an ongoing psychotherapy group for gay men whose sexual behavior is out of control. Monday eves at Operation Concern, SF. Info: Jim Fishman 626-7000.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

Gay Men's Groups at Operation Concern: new 12-wk process group starts each month. Safe place to develop your interpersonal relating skills. Preliminary interview required. Info: Operation Concern 626-7000.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: 548-2570.

Fort Help: nonprofit center offers psychotherapy & counseling for a wide variety of life problems. Diverse staff includes lesbian & gay counselors. SL fees. For info/appt: 546-7779. 965 Mission St, Ste 520, SF.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

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Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Coming Up*'s classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

OPEN EXCHANGE

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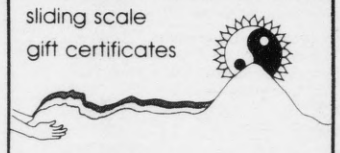

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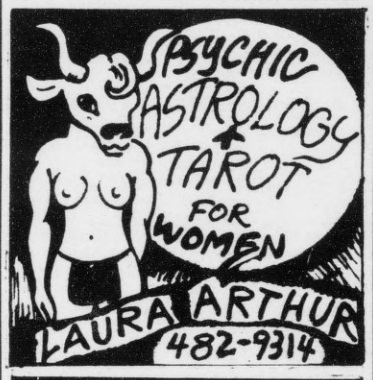

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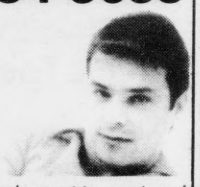

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Hey, Music Lovin' Lezzies
Drum or harmonica teacher sought by aspiring musician with own drum set and harps. Especially interested in trading lessons for (or otherwise divesting of) my perfect, but neglected, hydrophonic plant grower. In addition, a guitarist friend of mine who writes witty folk songs wants to form an irreverent, butt-kicking women's band. Reply today and let's get some music happening! Reply BT Box FB1 or call ★★1594.

Everything But You
That's what I've got, though I know you're out there somewhere. You're intelligent, intense, honest, caring, creative. You're not afraid of feelings, and you've got lots of good energy to give to people who've got good energy to give back. You're happy, but never complacent. And me? I'm 25 yrs. old, a graduate student and a dancer, passionate, honest, and very attractive. I work hard—emotionally, physically, and intellectually—but happily I'm not the control freak that I used to be! I'm having fun exploring life and all of its madness. How about you? Are you looking for someone challenging and caring to go exploring with? Let's talk about it. Reply BT Box FB2.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame
I want to buy season tickets to the Oakland A's games this year (their fielder's choice package, any 20 games for $240) but don't want to go to all those ballgames by myself. Wanna go in on a pair of season tickets with me? Hey, maybe we could see Rickey break the stolen base record, and with any luck, we could be at the 1991 World Series. This is not a romance or sex ad, although it would be okay if that happened. I'm really just looking for another queer woman who understands why time begins on opening day. Buy me some peanuts and cracker-jacks. Reply BT Box FB3 or call ★★1595.

Travel Partner Wanted
Seeking another woman with her own motorcycle that won't break for a low budget 2 week vacation. I'm not committed to any specific destination or date. I'm 26 and not looking for a romance. I do like to party a bit, but not while riding. Prefer someone who owns a helmet. Reply BT Box FB4.

Voluntary Servitude
Artistic, iconoclastic, fleshy college student, late-twenties seeks live-in position for mature, mentor-type lesbian, ages 40-60. Will provide housekeeping, escort/chauffeur duties, companionship and sex. Ambitious replies only, please. Forward particulars to Boxholder, P.O. Box 272344, Concord 94527-2344.

Serious About Relationship
Attractive, sophisticated, SF professional woman, 37, stable, fit and financially secure, seeks sensitive, beautiful woman, 30-45, for romantic, passionate and joyous long term relationship. Note and photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB5.

Let's Play Ball
This bright, articulate, financially secure woman of 37 would like to meet another who shares her desires for a friendship/relationship based on humor, compassion, stability and a little passion thrown in for good measure. I'd like to meet someone between 30-45 who, like myself, is responsible, thoughtful, independent and enjoys everything from eating out to baseball, though not necessarily in that order! If this sounds interesting, drop me a note. Reply BT Box FB6 or call ★★1596.

Dynamic But Broke Queer Activist,
mid 20's, seeks more monied companions 25-35, for a mutually non-committal change of pace. Wine me, dine me, fly me to exotic places, and I'll entertain you with tales from the front lines, rub your feet, and discuss the books you wish you had time to read. I'm small-boned, very cute, emotionally stable and extremely honest about what I want. Similarly inclined? Reply with photo to BT Box FB7.

Okay, Let's Cut to the Chase
I'm a smartass, sarcastic, light smoking woman of color who is in serious need of a lady who's good in the sheets and fun in the streets. I'm not looking for a wife/husband but damn sure want someone who knows how and when to take care of business. Richard describes me as statuesque, sophisticated (he means hot, tall and black). You have a unique way and look about you, a good sense of humor and fondness for "full figured" girls in lingerie. Good voices and hands send me. Let's get busy... Reply BT Box FB8 or call ★★1597.

The Good Life
I want to have a good life. To be with someone that I can love and who loves me. In other words, I want it all (I can dream, can't I?). I'm looking for a feminine or androgynous woman, petite, attractive, intelligent and over 40. Someone gentle and kind who can hold a conversation and who holds monogamy in high regard. I'm about 5'4", 128 lbs, attractive (so I've been told), financially stable, seek out the beauty and calmness of nature, love movies, light travelling, long walks with quiet conversation. I'm a published writer who can be serious or silly. If any of this appeals to you and you are unaddicted to smoke, drugs and alcohol, let me hear from you. Reply BT Box FB9 or call ★★1598.

Looking for Someone...
...to keep me in bed past 6 in the morning. Someone, 30-40, with energy for lots of sex, affection, hiking with my dog (and yours?) on the beach, and passionate discussions about my dissertation on bisexuality (and other burning issues). Reply BT Box FB10.

Southern Romantic
GWF, attractive, professional, mid-thirties, soft butch 5'5", 128 lbs, living in Marin who likes traveling, quiet romantic evenings, enjoys x-country skiing, movies, would like to meet other attractive GWF 28-38 who are down to earth, enjoy being treated like a lady and someone who may be interested in possible relationship. Please no drugs, butch/weirdo responses. Photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 494, Novato 94948 or call ★★1599.

New Year, New Life
Slightly off-of-center friendly, smart, sane, intense, passionate Scorpio, 37 with great sense of humor and long legs, seeks one in a million for fun in '91. Interests include art, music, meditation, travel, obscure science facts, the outdoors and the zen of everything. Prefer a funny down-to-earth femme over 30 with fleshy bottom, open heart and creative mind. Dislike smoke, consumerism, dogma and chronic complainers. New friends are great, sex is even better, true love is a miracle. Reply Boxholder, 5856 College Ave. #214, Oakland 94618 or call ★★1600.

It's My Birthday
and I know what I want: a femme with integrity, humor, and heart. Points if you are over 25, opinionated and verbal; like hiking, camping, books, animals, thrift stores and music; and don't need a lot of money to have fun. I'm 29, East Bay resident, sweet, smart, funny, tall, unusual and butch. Dedicated lesbians only. No abusers or smokers please. Reply BT Box FB11 or call ★★1601.

Go Nowhere Where Woman Has Gone Before
Devastatingly beautiful 31 year old, transplanted native, Virgo, New Yorker with a wonderful smile and a fantastic sense of humor, seeks a sweet, kind, loving, considerate, silly, 28-45 year old lesbian who believes in monogamy and truly wants to settle down, who holds the entertaining thought of spending entire weekends making passionate love-making in bed all day long. May have premature grey hair, which is my absolute weakness, being a Pisces or a Cancerian. Enclose recent mug shot. No drugs. Light alcohol and butts okay. Reply BT Box FB12 or call ★★1602.

Room Number Six
Happy Valentine's Day my beautiful T. See you soon in our room at the Lodge. I'm wishing for snow and a repeat of our lovely night together last year; a glistening white falling outside our window, throwing a soft light on the pink satin ribbons tied to the iron bed frame... I love you so much sweet woman.

Spanish Cat With an Accent
Is looking for a latin hearted woman who can speak or understand espanol. Someone who likes cumbias, salsa, and cilantro. A nonsmoker, light on the alcohol, 5' to 5'5", 25 to 35, fit, and cute. And if you are curious to know if I like to dance, eat good food, or if I howl even when the moon is not full, ask me. Reply BT Box FB13 or call ★★1603.

This Is the Year
for me to finally find the "right" match. I live on the Peninsula, 35, Jewish, more comfortable in the "burbs" than the city. Therapist, spiritual seeker, into process and growth through relationship. Described as a "soft butch," I adore dark hair, eyed & skinned women who are comfortable with themselves as women. You: are financially secure; available on every level for relationship, comfortable with hiking as well as 4-star hotels; enjoy exercise, know how to "do" feelings well, love yourself, as well as me! No smokers/drinkers/S-M'ers please. Reply BT Box FB14 or call ★★1604.

Misguided Angel
Lesbian, early 30's, non-smoker, seeks women for conversations and jokes together, mutual rendering of good services, the reading together of sweetly phrased books, the sharing of nonsense and mutual attentions. Reply BT Box FB15.

Looking For a Friend...
I love + need hiking, birding + being in nature for my spirit and body. I am an artist and my craft is my business. I am looking for someone 35 + who is creative, playful, emotionally whole and open, and has spent some years her past (and present), and is looking for a new relationship in her life. I know and am expressive with my feelings and want someone who is and does the same. Reply BT Box FB16 or call ★★1605.

Women of Heart
and color over 35, into nature, live performances, movies, talking, hugging and kissing and more—are you there? Honesty is basic. Intelligent, self-activated, gentle and passionate all appreciated. I am handsome androgynous Chicana-Native American, 45, professional/writer, spiritual (not religious), political and a good catch. Looking for friends, dates...more? No hard-core, S/M, fanatics or substance abusers. P.O. Box 21141, Oakland 94620 or call ★★1606.

My Heart Beats For You
It's so difficult to find a mentally, physically and financially together black woman. Where are they? Probably at a Wayne Dyer or Anthony Robbins seminar (smile). I want to connect with you, in more ways than one. Let's start with friendship. Come on. If you're not very attractive, be truthful. Go on to the next ad. Are you monogamous? Are you committed to internal development, communication and an incredible sex life throughout our lifetime relationship; not just in the beginning? Do you miss making love that old fashioned timeless way that takes half the night or more? Imagine: hours of tender romantic fireplace moments. Walking along the beach, laughing hysterically, trips around the world. Being able to totally trust. Is this too much to ask for? Reply Boxholder, POB 54204, San Jose 95154 or call ★★1607.

In Search of the Lost Datepool
Attractive, intelligent, semi-professional GWF 32, holed up in Danville, tired of cruising jr's, looking for local women to date. The usual stuff: dinner, movies, dancing, etc. All vices in moderation apply. For a good time, Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 31374, SF 94131 or call ★★1608.

Partner Model
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Travel Companion to Hawaii
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Conscious Seeker
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HEAR, HEAR!
CLINK!
SO WHAT GIVES? LAST I HEARD, YOU TWO WEREN'T EVEN HAVING SEX!
MUST YOU SHOUT, CLARICE? WE, UH.. WE DID SOME PROCESSING.
AFTER WHICH WE HAD GREAT SEX. I THINK WE WERE JUST GOING THROUGH A PHASE.
HARRIET, JEEZ! D'YOU HAFTA SHARE OUR INTIMATE CONCERNS WITH DR. RUTH HERE?!
ANYHOW, WE WERE WONDERING IF YOU TWO COULD TELL US YOUR SECRET. I MEAN, YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED FOR EIGHT YEARS, YOU'VE LIVED TOGETHER FOR SIX... AND YOU'RE STILL IN LOVE!
YEAH. TELL US YOUR SECRET. YOU'RE OUR ROLE MODELS, YOU KNOW.
SPARE US! I DUNNO HOW WE DO IT. WE JUST LIKE BEING WITH EACH OTHER... WHICH ISN'T TO SAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN EASY...
A-MEN. Y'KNOW, THERE'S TONS OF ADVICE WE COULD GIVE YOU. BUT THERE'S NO QUICK 'SECRET TO SUCCESS.' IF YOU WANT EASY ANSWERS, CHECK OUT YOUR COOKIES.
THANKS.
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LET ME SEE THAT!!
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A CRISP AUTUMN AFTERNOON FINDS OUR HEROINES OUTDOORS, VIGOROUSLY EXERCISING THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.
HELL NO! WE WON'T GO! WE WON'T FIGHT FOR AMOCO!
NO BLOOD FOR OIL
SO LIKE, WHERE'D ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN COME FROM?
WHAT BEAUTIFUL WOMEN?
DON'T ASK HER, GINGER. SHE ONLY HAS EYES FOR HARRIET NOW THAT THEY'RE MOVING IN TOGETHER.
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
NOT AT ALL! SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE MONOTONOUS!
GOD, THEY'RE ALL SO CUTE! HOW COME I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF THEM AROUND BEFORE?
WELL THIS IS JUST A WILD GUESS, BUT MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT YOU HAVEN'T REMOVED YOUR NOSE FROM THE GRINDSTONE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.
HMMM. D'YOU KNOW THE PHOTOGRAPHER WITH THE HAT?
YEAH. TROUBLE. SHE'S ON HER THIRD ROTATION THROUGH THE RUGBY TEAM.
HOW 'BOUT HER? WITH THE FLATTOP AND QUEER, BLACK BART SHIRT.
TOTALLY MARRIED TO DREADLOCKS AND RAYBANS.
DANG! THEY'RE BOTH HOT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO! WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST STAY HOME AND WATCH THE VIDEO DATING CHANNEL?! WE'RE HERE TO STOP THE MILITARY BUILD-UP IN THE PERSIAN GULF, NOT TO OGLE WOMEN!
BURY YOUR AIR!
GET OFF IT, MO. IF I CAN'T OGLE, I DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF YOUR REVOLUTION.
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Well-Aged Dynamic Woman

seeking partner somewhere between 50 and 80, of independent temperament, who likes to dance, has intellectual interests, a gentle sense of humor, solid sense of self. Nonsmoker or ready to stop. I am reasonably healthy, reasonably good-looking, white, antiracist, intolerant of heavy drinkers. I appreciate all races and sizes, recognize both inner and outer beauty. Am hard-working, self-supporting, not wealthy. Thinking of retiring but not ready yet. Cynical and fun, yet idealistic and always hoping to contribute, however little, toward a better world. I'm worth knowing, bet you are too. Let's take some time and get acquainted. Phone messages welcome, but letters preferred. All letters will be answered. Reply BT Box FB18 or call ★★1612.

Boisterous

Irreverent, rubenesque redhead into drama—but not roleplaying (unless you don the nun's habit—yes another Catholic girl gone bad), politically active, eclectically intellectual. Sure I like all that cliched stuff, but what I'm also looking for is a give and take relationship with a child-like (at times) equal who knows how to titillate, tantalize, and tease (don't you just love alliteration?). Call ★★1613

Not Necessarily Looking for a Relationship

but I wouldn't mind stumbling into one either. Twenty-five year old, out-going but shy, professional woman of color seeks friendships on a variety of levels. I'm down-to-earth, have a variety of interests, wisened by life and books, and agile by sports play, walks from a broken car, and the joys of motherhood. Honesty should be a way of life rather than a new experience for you, and a sense of humor is definitely a must. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 17643, SF 94117.

Life Is Too Good Not to Share!

My pleasures and delights include Bartok, deBeauvoir, DNA, computers, children, cycling, camping, running, dancing, Vogue and dark chocolate. Care to partake? I'll be thrilled if you are lithsome, lovely, have luscious lips, long legs and are 25-35. I'm tall, slender, attractive and in my early 30's. I'm serious about my work, but I don't care about money. No smokers, please! Reply BT Box FB19 or call ★★1614.

Time to Meet New Women

Looking for other Lesbians of color or racially mixed Lesbians who value & enjoy mature wisdom retaining childlike spontaneity-creative play, self awareness, honesty & personal integrity with sensuality, gracefulness, a sense of humor. Beauty, intelligence & charm with love of nature & music. I'll be turning 40 soon. Nonsmoking, chemical free only! Car helpful. Reply BT Box FB20 or call ★★1615.

Lover, I Needed You...

January 16th. As the February issue of Bay Times goes to press, KPFA is the only thing keeping it together for me, haven't paid membership yet so I could afford this ad, pacing and watching the massive outcry against the war on muted TV. Why? I have neither "affinity group" nor "support person/demonstration date." Adult war orphan incensed by people who support chemical weapons: needs to meet same now!!! Nonviolent "safe sex slut" in solidarity with my sister (Happy Birthday, Moon!), mixed-class, horny for social justice and a lover, sep-leaning, soft-butch, 36, lifelong activist who sees activism as the primary expression of self-esteem. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 9335, Berkeley 94709.

Can You Hear Love's Whisper?

Do you cherish its roar? Come share with me the Mystery. And the Mundane. If you're over 35 and lovely, inside and out, (interesting being one of lovely's faces), with an open and deep heart, please respond to this woman of similar attributes. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 175, San Anselmo 94979 or call ★★1616.

Extra, Extra

Special responses from women over 40 with qualities and values to offer heretofore unadvertised in other ads. Less "what you do," as who you are and how we are together is important. So this caring, late forties gal does want to share similar attractive, slim, spiritual, sensitive traits with another woman. Call ★★1617.

Belgian Shepherd Puppy

And tall, handsome woman we met in Redwood Park the Saturday after New Year's. I'd like to meet you again for walks, talks or just to find out if you're gay. I think our dogs share an April 24 birthday. If this woman is a friend of yours please encourage her to answer this ad. Please reply to Boxholder, Box 460706, SF 94146 or call ★★1618.

Don't Settle for Second Best, Baby!

I didn't! I'm so glad you expressed (express) yourself. No need to justify my love since you make me feel like a virgin; every time. I cherish you, body and soul, my love, so why not take all of me? What happens next? Put your love to the test! Be my Valentine! Call ★★1619.

Dangerously Romantic (Not Fatal)

You are strictly fem bottom who's not afraid to fall in love. I know you are out there. You are playful, honest, affectionate, sentimental, sexy, and not perfect. Over 25. Me: attractive butch very loving, gentle, compromising, sweet, dominant at times, but a real pussycat to you. Diverse interests. Love to walk with you in the rain hand in hand. Call ★★1620.

Two Hearts

I'm sweet, kind, and very loving. I'm feminine, petite, and pretty looking with smarts, imagination, and ethics. These are just some of my qualities. Please be nice, sweet, kind, thoughtful, considerate, gentle, understanding, and compassionate. I would like you to be loving, truthful, positive, communicative, and not afraid of a long term relationship. Please also be drug free, nonsmoker, and like myself, steadily employed and financially stable, ages 30-42. I hope we become Two Hearts for possible romance. Send phone number. Photo and description would be appreciated. Reply BT Box FB21 or call ★★1621.

Joie de Vivre

My determination this year is to find the woman of my dreams. a girlfriend would do just nicely right now. Until then, i'm hoping the right lezzy sees this so my dream can be a reality. Can be a reality b what yer lookin' 4? Lez c... 1st, i'm very attractive, 5'1'', early 30's, sober, non-smoker, feminine—into lipstick, energetic, a unique beauty, creative in many ways, honest, funny, musical, warm smile and heart with a bod 4 sin. i believe life is and should be a blast, i'm a happy camper that's constantly positive. I have no time for emotional rollercoasters, tiddly winks, or artificial stimulants, life's 2 short. some of my interests i find enjoyable... foreign films, antiques, cats, expensive chocolate-Italian born, risking, communicating to the fuillest, collecting hats, old volvos, cruisin' cafes, music of all types, being sexually adventurous, sharing, caring, hugging, just 2 name a few. wanna know more? Pick up the phone, give me a call, but please be considerate by being sober, non-smoker, etc. Most of the above. Thanks! Call ★★1622.

For Real

This real life woman decided this was her opportunity for a chance in the lovelorn columns, I don't get a kick from advertising myself, but I get on a real high enjoying rich conversation. I don't get a thrill from watching silly TV sitcoms. But I'm really excited with a warm loving woman in my arms. I don't like seeing what's reading in the newspapers, but I really love reading what's in your eyes. I can't get geared to hearing about the winter's freeze problems, but I really heat up when expressing warm caressing love any time of the year anywhere you may need it. If any of this stimulates your senses and understanding of my person, then perhaps you are the real woman I'm looking for. The odds are, I've been told are thirty to one, let's cut the odds down, you are a mature 36-46 y/o GWF who is of high caliber. You know who you are and comfortable with yourself. Having a great sense of humor and wit (wet or dry), love of outdoors, an aptitude of the arts, theater, spectator sports, golf, walks along the beach, boardwalk or the shopping malls. Flexible in spur of the moment runaways to stateline, or ticket-line at Circle Star or Concord Pavillion. Enjoying easy listening, pop, country/western, movie classics, latte, or coffee and the Sunday paper. Fuzzy blankets and warm cuddles, weekend trips to the Russian River or any river. I am an attractive professional, early 40's of average height and weight, looking for similar qualities. I have no concerns about smoke or drink as those are ours to handle in moderation. Liked what you have read? Perhaps you are the real special person I'm looking for. Reply Boxholder, P.O. 5314, Richmond 94805-0314. All replies answered, for real.

Great Catch in the (North)East Bay!!!

Mature & healthy, cultured & educated, spiritual, good-humored & enthusiastic woman desires same within 20 minutes of Marine-World (No. Vallejo) for cuddle companion (intimacy & commitment without excessive attachment). I must insist also that you are expressive, open-minded & active spiritually, 35-45ish, and of course no smoking, drugs & workoholism (occasional & moderate spirits ok). I'm all of the above & while I don't need a clone, some of my passions may grab you: great conversation, movies & dinners, cuddling & lovemaking, short backpacking trips & long picnics, sign language, aesthetics, meditation, humor, music, oh—& passion. Please reply with some thought to BT Box FB22 or call ★★1623.

Worldy Spiritual Seeker Seeks Needle in Haystack

I've been to India 3 times. Why? Am I nuts? I've asked myself that same question many times, but I've gone anyway because I study under a spiritual master who lives there. So here's my dilemma. On the one hand, I could talk about metaphysics till the cows come home. But on the other hand, I love to go out dancing till dawn. I love the wilderness, but if you've got ballet tickets I'd be delighted to go! Candlelight dinners or movies and popcorn. Discussing psychology and philosophy, washing the car, taking the dog to the vet, you could say I'm a "multi-purpose woman." Both romantic AND useful, I wear both skirts and jeans—though not simultaneously. I'm monogamous, don't smoke, don't do drugs. I definitely do want to communicate. At 34, I've been around the block (and around the world)—I know even love doesn't conquer all without common interests. This is my first ad, but I've often thought my relationships would have worked better if we had met via resume ("just the facts, ma'am") instead of that darned initial attraction. If you know what I mean. Ahem. And, if you're still reading this epic ad, maybe you're the kind of woman I've been looking for in all the wrong places. I admit I'm asking for alot: Finding an intelligent, irreverent, adventurous, funny, romantic, spiritual, feminist, communicative, non-smoking, monogamous, and unattached woman is definitely looking for a needle in a haystack...but...miracles can be created, n'est-ce-pas? I'm sure I'll surprise you—so give me a call and surprise me. Call ★★1624.

I'm looking for a 27 to 30 year old woman with dark, shoulder length hair that I can easily run my hands through. Dark (Spanish? Italian?) eyes that make me weak when I gaze into them and will make me an easy target for seduction! Be a few inches taller than me and have loving arms that are easy to fall into. Your qualities are the same I require of myself: honest, a direction in life, great sense of humor, a spiritual side, friendly, playful, easy to talk with, a little crazy, feminine, discreet, intelligent, lives in San Freancisco and is ready to fall in love. Me: cute/attractive, 5'4'', 28 year old, GWF with long blonde hair and green eyes. I'm sort of shy, so I'll expect you to take the lead in the beginning (and in bed). Don't sit there and think about it—write me! Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB23 or call ★★1625.

Seeking Right Companionship and Love

This path takes me toward tall slightly butch handsome gals who are outwardly focused (love the outdoors, great adventures, working hands on) yet in touch with their feelings, able to verbalize. Interest in metaphysics, health, books, music, funky dancing a plus but opposites attract! I'm tall, attractive, femme of center, 41, trim, fairly evolved, ready for intimacy, laughs, passion, wilderness trips, stimulating talks, long dinners (I'll cook) and your loving presence. Reply BT Box FB24 or call ★★1626.

Finally

After some trial and error, I know what I'm seeking in a partner. Someone sensitive, intelligent, professional and conversant, who is comfortable with both her femininity and ambitions. I value honesty, intimacy and spontaneity and enjoy politics, movies, modern rock and other music, "Jeopardy!", the "Simpsons," travel, sporting events, romance and passion. I'm attractive, mid-twenties, and waiting to hear from a special woman. Reply BT Box FB25 or call ★★1627.

Academic/Artistic Androgynous Female Seeks Professional Petite Femme

Bigendered (genetic) female seeks gay/bi femme for supportive growing friendship/partnership. I am turned on by professional, delicate women who enjoy dressing up, hobbies, discussions and who have a touch of Angie Dickinson, Michelle Pfeiffer, Connie Chung. I am turned off by druggies, hippies, earthy, anti-male, anti-intellectual people. I am: refined, serious, intellectual, artistic, strong, driven, androgynous, stylish and career oriented; to you I am also your "man": a mix of David Bowie, Lannie Anderson, Jeremy Irons and Data. I appreciate weight lifting, toys, art, theatre, movies, the Castro (& gay men as buddies), books, high-tech design. I sculpt, draw, compose, and indulge in fine foods, futuristic-forward thinking, academic projects. Reply to Boxholder, POB 7613, Berkeley 94707-0613. Will respond to voice or mail (send photo). Call ★★1628.

Country Western Dancers

And potential dancers: I'd love my next girlfriend to be a country western dancer. She doesn't have to start off that way—just be willing to learn. My other interests include hiking, camping, bike riding, volleyball, lake sailing, women's sports spectating, and the usual movies, etc. I parent the world's most spoiled canine kid (small mutt type) who likes runs on the beach, chasing seagulls. The gulls, of course, hover 3 feet off the ground and laugh alot. I recently turned 40 (yes, I'm still alive) and work in telecommunications as a field service rep. as well as going to school. I am short (4'11''), dark haired, medium built (115/120 lbs) and could be a cross between Sally Field and Pam Shriver (figure that one out!). I'm usually attracted to other short, cute, dark-headed, medium built women (so we can form bookends), but mostly enjoy a teasing/sarcastic fun-loving sense of humor. Oh, I've done a lot of work on me and believe strongly in the need for friendships and pursuing joy in life—if you are of a like mind, I'd love a reply. Reply BT Box FB26.

Strong Desire

for a long term committed relationsip wanted. I offer honesty, open communication, romance, passion and TLC. I'm 28 y.o. and have interests in music (pop/soul to Windham Hill), movies, books (lesbian novels), nutrition, recreating outdoors, and romantic evenings at home. If you're a non-smoker, health oriented, non-recovering, stable, professional and serious about a relationship and want to be a parent one day. Reply BT Box FB27 or call ★★1629.

Champagne in Bed...

Veuve Clicquot before brunch, after a bike ride in Napa, before the Opera, while watching the sunset from Grizzly Peak, in my favorite cafe in Montparnasse, atop a Sierra summit, after two-stepping the night away—I'm that kinda gal... The woman I lift my glass to is effervescent, self-confident, high-spirited, kind, witty, adventurous, loves the outdoors and animals, savors fabulous food and wine, is outgoing and active in her own life but makes time to play, to love, to explore life together. She is probably 35 to 45 and ready to love someone else almost as much as she loves herself. To this special woman I offer a glass of bubbly...and much more. Will you join me? Reply BT Box FB28.

Travel Companion

Trekking in Nepal in October, backpacking in California in September are in my plans. I'd love to travel with a woman with a compatible sleeping bag zipper. I'm an experienced outdoors woman, slowed down and mellowed out by age (40). Let's go for a walk and discuss adventures, past and future. Write Boxholder, P.O. Box 40621, SF 94110 or call ★★1630.

The Facts Are

34, clean, sober 9 years, active 12 stepper, pretty, loving, funny, passionate, optimistic, sensual, intimate, traveler, aware, spiritual. Favorites: skiing, camping, walks, eating out, home cooking, bird watching, Sierras, flowers, marine life (Flipper not Gomer), boats. Loves, appreciates life and ultimately wants to share with partner. No's: drinkers, smokers, druggers, lingering ex-lovers, depressives. 28-40, self-validating, assertive, sharing, slim. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 21622, Oakland 94620-1622 or call ★★1631.

Great Cuddler Seeks Same

Are you ready to change your life with a new friend/cuddler/lover? I'm an attractive, bright, artistic, sensitive, spiritual, androgynous, loving, mid-forties, mid-career change, college dyke who is looking for the right woman. You are smart, funny, nice and enjoy long walks, movies, long talks, music, animals, watching sports, making love, holding hands and having fun. Let's find out if we're the right cuddling partners for each other. Non-smokers Reply BT Box FB29.

Incite to Write

Looking for a creative Jewish woman, who likes children, is politically conscious, has a great sense of humor and is warm & loving and 34-45. That'll do it! Reply BT Box FB30 or call ★★1632.

Dim Sum

Warm, creative, optimistic, low-key, multicultural, multilingual, (sometimes) energetic 29 year old new to loving women seeks companionship and romance. If you like the outdoors, the movies, music, plays, brunch, laughing, good looks, travel, massages, honesty, you could be the woman I'm looking for. No smoking, drugs or heavy drinking. Reply BT Box FB31.

We see each other from across the room. Our eyes meet, our brains sit up and take notice. We smile. We talk. The electricity is there. We agree to meet again. Upon parting we know that it's only a matter of time til we are lovers. Reply BT Box FB32 or call ★★1633.

Everything But the Girl

I know that you are out there...you are feminine, stable, slender, intelligent, 26-32, and find yourself attracted to androgynous/femme women. You won't want to move in together after a month, understand that intimacy is more than just physical, and are bored by drama and games. I am 30, attractive, 5'5'', 128 lbs, independent, humorous, caring, and still believe in sending flowers. No S&M, drugs, smoking, or negative attitudes! Reply BT Box FB33 or call ★★1634.

Wistful Wayfarer

in search of Lesbian Nation. I've journeyed 3,000 miles from the East to look for lesbian community, and find myself so near, yet so far away. I'm not looking for love—I have a sweetheart in a distant city. But I am looking for loving friends. I'm 37, intellectually inclined, and passionately opinionated. I love theater and film (I was transported by the recent showing of "L'Atalante"). Literature, let's go to the wealth of readings available in the Bay Area. And feeling wild and free while hiking in mountains near and far. I value intelligence, wit, generosity of spirit, grace, and fierceness. Kindred spirits respond and we'll meet for coffee or booze. Reply BT Box FB34.

West Marin Buddhist Cowgirl

ready to buck into adventure, affection, and golden ardor with honest, open, communicative, unattached lesbian (33-40). Not negotiable: feminism, monogamy, humor, and an awakening heart. No drugs/smoke/drink. Most fetching: long hair, green wisdom, vows to the Goddess, and a little Irish in yer bones! If wild iris, bliss, tantric sex, wilderness exploration of both inner and outer landscapes could rejuvenate, then make me smile the BIG SMILE. Info w/photo and astrological data gets first replies. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 697, Pt. Reyes 94956 or call ★★1635.

Blue-Eyed Dreamer

Cute 30 yr. old East Bay journalist with a quick smile & an open heart. I'm friendly, fun-loving & a hopeless romantic. New to SF. Enjoy travel, photography, movies & dancing. Desire attractive, professional petite fem who is healthy, playful, energetic for friendship, fun & spontaneous adventures. Let's share conversation, laughter, candlelight dinners, country escapes & seascapes. Challenge me. I promise you warmth & attention. Tell me your heart's desire. Reply BT Box FB35 or call ★★1636.

Someone to Rekindle My Passion

Has it been a long time since someone special gave you a slow, deep, tender, stirring kiss that let you know why you love being a lesbian? How long since you had dinner, dancing, romancing, laughter, intimacy? Talked only with your eyes because your heart knew already? How long since you had passion from the tip of your toes to the top of your head? Let's spend some time together horseback riding, time at the lake, Sunday paper and brunch w/friends and time alone, bookstores, old movies, cuddling by the fireplace. Special nights out, wonderful nights in. Me: attractive, working toward even greater fitness seeking feminine fit nonbutch women who are emotionally and physically available, affectionate, communicative, independent, attractive outside yes, inside a must. Age 25-39. Call or write only if you're seriously ready. Reply BT Box FB36 or call ★★1637.

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It's Easy!

Just be brainy, gorgeous, and crazy about me! Actually, I may give a little on the first two criteria, but the third's a MUST. Hopefully you're 35-50 and have a bit of the "country girl" about you. As to my looks: I'm told I look a lot like "Diane" on "Cheers." To sum it up: just reread my first sentence...! Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 10605, Oakland 94610 or call ★★1639.

What's the Deal?

I haven't been here very long but it seems the pretty women are few and far between. I am a GWF, 28, pretty, feminine and professional (really). My career keeps me busy, but I find time to enjoy the finer aspects of SF. I am seeking someone with similar qualities, 27-32, nonsmoker, who feels equally comfortable in Nikes or Joan & Davids. If interested in friendship or possible relationship, reply with photo to Boxholder, P.O. Box 46085, SF 94146-0856 or call ★★1640.

Wanted: Girlfriendius Romanticus

I am searching for this most elusive of creatures and am offering a reward for her discovery. Habitat: Various. Nature: She believes that any lasting relationship is founded on friendship, mutual trust and respect. She values open and honest communication as a cornerstone of a relationship, and she is genuinely willing to "be there" for the other person. She can play, enjoys discussing a particular topic over a lingering dinner, is emotionally mature and professionally stable, enjoys Saturday morning cartoons and bicycle rides, has interests as varied as mine (architecture, politics [not necessarily correct], literature, sports, and music [New Age, Gershwin, Bowie, Copland...]), and is capable of being both strong and vulnerable. Your reward? All the green M&M's I've been saving. Reply BT Box FB38 or call ★★1641.

Chant Sheet

"I'm a dyke who likes my labia; U.S. out of Saudi Arabia!" Now will you be mine. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 9335, Berkeley 94709.

Emotionally Stable Woman Seeks Same

Attractive woman, 30, interested in meeting a woman who wants to share a very intimate and loving relationship. You are 25 or older, and open to talking about yourself, your goals, your hangups, or whatever's on your mind. I enjoy swimming, tennis, softball, walks on the beach, and open, honest communication! Respond with letter and photo, if possible. Be straightforward and let's see what happens! Reply BT Box FB39 or call ★★1642.

5'2" and Under

No this isn't an ad for panty hose, but a search for a petite woman who would like to share the feelings and magic of our size. I'm a cute androgynous woman who is stable and secure, witty and warm. I love sports as well as the symphony, can say yes as well as no. So, if you're short and special, let's get together. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 607, Suisun 94585 or call ★★1643.

It's That Simple

This is my year and I'm looking to start it out right, by making new friends and maybe meeting that someone special. I have a deep appreciation for the outdoors and all things. About myself, I'm 31, educated, energetic, easy-going, a Bay Area native, love animals, raquetball, volleyball, spontaneity, dancing, and having fun (however that may be defined). You are 28 or older, not a user or abuser and like to have fun. It's really that simple, give a call or drop a line and we'll connect. Reply BT Box FB40 or call ★★1644.

Can We Please

Not be bound by categories? I'm an easy going woman addicted to style and grace, but not opposed to telling bad jokes and "Just Hangin" either. I value friendship most, but I also enjoy fine food, music, and conversation. I'm writing this because my "Mysterious" exterior has worked too well. Only my best friends know that I'm as much Silk as I am Stetson. If you seek a companera for a fine dinner, going two-stepping, or walking your dog, perhaps you should reply... Reply BT Box FB41.

I Like the "S" Words—

Spiritual, soft, sensual, strong, sexy—are qualities I like in myself and in women I love. I also like "F" words—friendly, funny, fair, family (you fill in your favorites!)—and "C" words—cuddly, cute, communicative, caring, creative, childlike (not childish). I'm in my 40's, 5'2", average weight, live in Marin, and recently decided I'm again ready for romance (the "R" words!) and that scary "M" word—monogamy. In the meantime, I'd like to expand my circle of friends and if the chemistry is right between us—the "L" word! I like women who are honest, open, playful, affectionate, feminine, enjoy touching physically & emotionally, are warm and are in their 30's to 40's and are exploring their spirituality. No smoking, drugs or alcohol please. Reply BT Box FB42 or call ★★1645.

Are You Above 173 cm?

I am. At 184 cm, I stand on the left, sit as a grad student/worker, lie down for chiropractics & saunas, bend down to garden. Oranges aren't the only fruit I grow. I like to explore different cultures locally (afar, when possible), films, fresh air activities, live and still arts. Non-smoker, 36, have 2 cats. Looking for someone relaxed but ready to roll, easy-going, warm, flexible, with your own idiosyncracies. Reply BT Box FB43 or call ★★1646.

Ageless Heart

Is the truest wisdom. Perfection does not exist to understand it is the triumph of human intelligence; to expect to possess it is the most dangerous kind of madness. Therefore, I challenge powerful women to open up and give it up in the heart of '91. Prerequisite: honest, independent, humorous, adventurous, and open minded. Not welcoming smoke, drugs, alcohol, and negative energy. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 4391, SF 94101 or call ★★1647.

Wonderful Romantic Aggressive Top

Seeks an affectionate feminine non butch. Woman who is emotionally and physically available 25-35. A lover of life, expressive, sensitive, humorous, communicative, intelligent, someone who loves cuddling. Open to adventures both indoors and out. City getaways whenever possible. Me: Professional, very cute in a nonstereotypical way. I have and admire similar qualities. So write or call only if you're open to the possibilities. Say what you mean, mean what you say. Reply BT Box FB44 or call ★★1648.

Looking

Tired of the single life—East Bay. I am: Attractive, intelligent and friendly. Enjoy a variety of physical outdoor activities. Good friends, movies, and the arts. Stimulating conversations, dining out and quiet times. World travelled. Emotionally together and comfortable with myself. You are: 38-50, intelligent, attractive, trim and enjoy the outdoors. Like yourself, have a good sense of humor, and a variety of interests. Enjoy people, have a professional attitude and a desire to enrich your life. Must be affectionate, a good friend, sensitive and can risk welcoming intimacy. No drugs, heavy drinkers or political activists. Tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box FB45.

Nature Lover

I love being in the outdoors from Tilden Park to Bali. I'm an independent, over forty, well traveled East Bay dyke with working-class roots. I value clear communication, playfulness, risk taking, and social change. Favorite pasttimes include marching for peace, hiking in nature, bicycling, and camping. I care about changing the world while nurturing myself. No smokers or heavy drinkers. Let's chat and see what develops. Call ★★1649.

Justify My Lust...

Madonna isn't the only one with a fantasy... Let's get together and explore ours. Attractive femme, mid-twenties, seeks same for sultry sexual encounter. You are physically fit, filled with desire, and burning for hot wet sex. No room for addictions. No strings. I love lingerie, dancing nasty, and the art of seduction, teasing until you can't take it any more. So what are ya gonna do? Talk to me... Call ★★1650.

Entertainment Tonight

Attractive, mature professional WF with a flair for good times and quiet moments: theatre, movies and piano bars; spiritual and eastern philosophies, burgandy brew, a glass of Zinfandel, a cig., a fire, you and the city view. Seeking stable, intelligent WF of similar interests over 30 for companionship, conversation and good times. Photo a plus! Reply BT Box FB47 or call ★★1651.

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Attention Married Men

This married businessman wants to meet a similarly situated man for on-going, discreet, no-strings, sexual liaisons in Contra Costs or Solano counties. We both love our wives, family and home life, but we'd also like safe, man-to-man action on a regular basis. I'm no gay weight-lifting clone, and don't expect you to be either. Like me,

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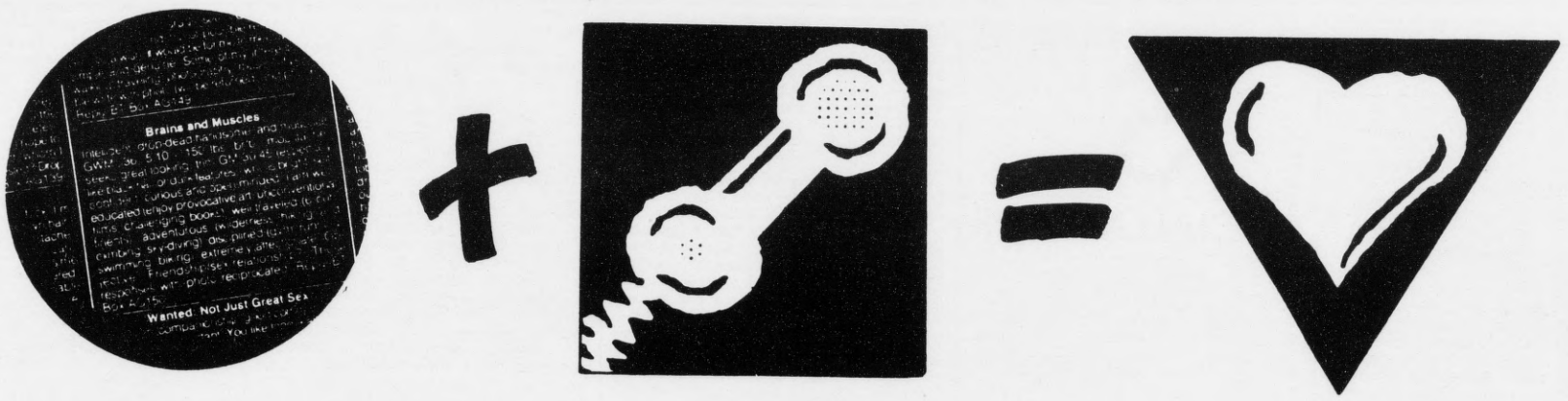

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you want one, easy-going sex buddy you can depend on for steady hot sex. I'm a BIWM, 36, 5'9", trim, mustachioed with dark hair/eyes. It would be great if you were 35-50, taller, trim and hairy. I'd also like to know if you're ticklish—not because I'm necessarily kinky—but because I believe a man who admits to being ticklish is a man who can be trusted. I also must be assured the only things I'll carry home are the memories of an afternoon fling once or twice a month. If you meet the description, drop me a confidential note. Reply Boxholder, POB 1358, Martinez 94553.

Let's Play

I'd like to meet other slim bisexual (bifriendly?) individuals who share some of my eclectic interests. I'm male, youthful 46, 6', 165#, dark-haired, HIV –, affectionate, romantic, quietly intense. Interests and proclivities: creative writing, films, salsa, jazz, erotic power exchange, dancing, the southwest, spanking, mythology, progressive politics, photography, chocolates, kissing, brunettes. I'm as interested in your pleasure as mine. Nonsmoker. Photo exchange? Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 2611, Berkeley 94702.

Treated Like Princess:

that's what going to happen to you, if you are right match for loving zestful couple comprising bisexual WF, 31, and hetero (but bi-friendly) WM, 26. We have an excellent 6-year, committed relationship and you could a be fully integrated part of it (full member of threesome, not "third wheel"). Get 2 for the "price" of 1!! Two affectionate, playful, attractive, very romantic people who want to shower you with love, tenderness, massage, romance and all-over kisses, plus plan our future together. We are enthusiastic, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, sensuality, joie de vivre. Some interests: hot springs, gardening, traveling, sailing, nude recreation, hiking, gourmet cooking, dancing, arts, massage, erotic literature, science fiction. Seeking vivacious, affectionate nonsmoker with roughly comparable age and interests who, like us, thinks life is beautiful. P.O. Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1653.

Executive Service

Mature executive type retired early and now bored. Would like to visit other executive or professional people (male or female) in their office or home, daytime or evening, and submit to their needs. I particularly enjoy giving french (safe) and receiving spanking, paddling and nipple torture but open to all activities. Absolute discretion assured. No fees, just fun. Reply BT Box FB300 or call ★★1654.

Sexy Transvestite

with imagination, style & passion, seeks playmates for fanciful journey beyond stifling, absurd, "normal" boundaries of male & female. I have lovely green eyes, beautiful smile, sleek figure, great legs. & an exquisite wardrobe (ranging from classy to exotic/erotic). I love to kiss and to touch and surrender to the moment. Won't you join me in the very intimate transgend. dance. P.O. Box 5112, Larkspur, CA 94977 or call ★★1655.

Woman to Woman

Soft, sexy, sensuous, passionate, sometimes rough, sometimes loud. I am a yes! handsome, passively BIWM 33. Are there any attractive cute bisexual women or lesbians out there? Feminine not necessary! Who will take me under their wing to become friends with? I enjoy toys, women in high heels, masturbation, semi-public sex, B&D, S&M, role playing. Most of all!!!! I just go absolutely crazy watching 2 women love each other. I don't need intercourse, I just want to watch. I promise ladies, that's my fantasy! Please no flakes. If you're looking to turn this prick on, Reply BT Box FB301 or call ★★1656.

Agile Creatural Activist

Looking for sensual co-conspirtor to subvert dominant paradigm, explore wilderness, dance, play tennis, be physically & imaginatively penetrated. I'm 46, a women's studies teacher/writer wanting queer companionship. 1563 Solano Ave., Suite 306, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★1657.

Big Juicy

heart/brain/libido...BiWM seeks kindred spirits and one soulmate/life partner. I'm 6'1", 170, lithe youthful swimmer, 45, outdoorsy, artful, high-touch, bookish, dancey, feminist, Buddhist/Christian/progressive, love of children, Third world villages, organic potatoes, wild saxophones, big old trees, being of use. You're young at heart, old enough to know how intimacy is achieved. I like Green Gulch, Canyon de Chelly, the Upper Mississippi, Benares, Chiapas, Kurosawa, Altman, Astaire, Twyla, Bach, Ferron, Stevie, Gauguin, Beverly Pepper, Rumi, Walt, Pablo, Thoreau, Calvino, Carafy, Levertov, Gerald Stern, serious walks; prefer resisting dominant paradigm to acquiescing, planting and building to being entertained. You might be different but not too blissfully New Age, please. Let's get tangled up in fun, good work, fearlessly insisting on our best, the real, real thing—lots of starry nights together. Reply BT Box FB302 or call ★★1658.

Vanilla Seeks Chocolate

Attractive, masculine, BiWM, 40, trim, 180 lbs, 6', emotionally/financially secure seeks attractive sexy brown skinned Asian or other bi-lady for intimate long lasting relationship. We are intelligent, sincere, affectionate and enjoy outdoors, movies, reading, sharing good conversation, massage and just being together at beach or mountains, at home or travelling the world. C'mon Valentine call or write, you won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box FB303 or call ★★1659.

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I'm a novice male TV adventurer, only partly out of the closet. I went public on Castro last Halloween and liked it, but I don't know what to do next. I need an understanding female/male to take me by the hand and guide me through this new lifestyle. I'm a sometime actor, excellent at role playing, and have appeared as female in several stage shows. Now I want to do it for real. Reply BT Box FB304 or call ★★1660.

T.V. for Valentine...Forever!

TV-Asian-24 yrs old, smart, cute, not too thin, not too fat, not full time but no problem in looking at it's best. Seeks someone...TV lover, straight, kind, sincere, one "woman" man, preferably in the East Bay, needs caring, companionship, and hopefully something meaningful. Write & send photo to "STAR," P.O. Box 31534, Oakland, CA 94604. Serious men only.

Attention Beautiful & Sexy Bi Women!

I know you're out there! Are you tired of trying to be accepted by gay and straight women, much less have an intimate relationship with them? I am!! I'm a self-confident, beautiful and artistic bi lady who is very desirous and sincere about meeting one incredibly special woman who loves herself and her sexuality. It's time for us to enjoy who we are; wouldn't you agree? Please send me a note and pretty photo, and I promise to respond to all! Reply BT Box FB306 or call ★★1661.

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The Lavender Hill Mob

A "Brotherhood of Men." Heterosexual, bisexual and masculine gay men. Married, single and divorced. Our general meetings are held in San Francisco. Members live in North Bay, East Bay, South Bay, Mid-Peninsula and San Francisco. Information: Boxholder, P.O. Box 610055, Redwood City 94061.

Music Singers/Players

I want to make music with sharing, cooperative people. I am a self-taught, competent (not convert) pianist (I have two pianos); also play recorder and guitar and sing tenor. I love show tunes, pop, early rock, country, classical. We can sing in harmony (two parts or more), play keyboard duets or with your instrument, or ...?? My politics are leftist, profeminist, antiracist, and yours should be too. Call ★★1663.

Semiprofessional Jazz Pianist

(male) seeks musicians to work toward a performing group. The challenge is to bring quality and creativity to our own lives and perhaps, a new sensibility to the world of jazz. Reply Boxholder, 584 Castro St., Box 416, San Francisco 94117 or call ★★1664.

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Physique + Commitment

Intense, lustful, professional physical man, 40, 5'9", 180, solid muscled physique, seeks similar health minded grounded man for dating relationship/potential committed monogamy. We've been through the carefree, hedonistic 70's and are ready to explore & further develop our Real Stuff as men of the '90s & beyond. I'm a gregarious, "put it right out there guy"—a complete giver who seeks the nourishment & mutual support of a man who's ready for a true, complete male relationship. One that's based on integrity & truth. But let's not forget our playful, adventurous side. I work hard to play hard and want you to feel freedom of spirit to be you—the you that you know you truly are! Reply with photo (I guarantee its return) to Boxholder, P.O. Box 460585, SF 94146 or call ★★1673. Let's go for it guy! We both need to give to one another.

Mature Daddy/Master/Friend

Seeks 18-45 goodlooking fantasy-loving sons/slaves/friends who are attracted to older men. I am attr dominant W/M, young looking/acting, 67, 5'8", 170, somewhat hairy, silver/gray hair, white mustache, with nice 7" cut. Your limits respected but will expand! Your photo gets mine. "Daddy", 537 Jones St. #1297, SF 94102.

Long Time Celibate Seeks Same

We knew too many years of abandon to be contented with safe sex as a lifestyle (albeit a necessary phase of developing a loyal monogamy) and so withdrew to auto-eroticism for survival. Now it's time to pursue a committed relationship into which we may pour the passion, the sharing, the love we've stored. We're bright, sensitive, masculine, nurturing, honest and clean. Non-smokers, light drinkers, non-trendy, organized, healthy and spiritual with diverse interests in the outdoors, sports and the arts. I'm GWM, seronegative, 5'10", 165#, late forties, fair-haired (hairy), handsome, pale-eyed, graying temples/moustache, athletic, versatile top, good body and equipment. You're GM, seronegative, 40-55 and either dark/hairy or taller/thin. (Certainly have no objection to both, but I'm rarely attracted if neither criteria is met.) You love and care for your lean body, and have a sufficiently positive self-image to know you damn well deserve a good man. Photo preferred. Reply BT Box FB70.

Serious Stud Ready to Settle Down

Tall, hot, handsome, hairy chested top, (very fit mid 30's), comfortable in any social situation, seeks a special relationship. My Big, Hard Cock needs lots of attention and my lusty, warm hearted nature makes me crave a quality companion. Are you hungry for a more fulfilling life? Do you fantasize about servicing a perfectly hung stud, who is also intelligent, fun loving and talented? If you are ready to indulge us sexually, and able to be generous and supportive as we develop a mutually enriching life together...let's meet and consider the possibilities. Reply BT Box FB71 or call ★★1674.

Justify My Love

The World's Best Kisser seeks a special Valentine's date and intimate relationship with a goodlooking, tall, trim, 23-43, healthy, well-hung, affectionate man. I'm a romantic, Italian, Artist, 38, 6', 170#, healthy, nonsmoker. I'm super sensual and enjoy long and slow erotic encounters. Hot kissing, oil massage, oral sex, and sleeping together are my passions! Flowers & cards a plus. No drugs/alcohol abuse. Please call ★★1675.

Slim Chinese, Viet or Thai Wanted

Sincere W/M, youthful 41 years, 6'2", 170 lbs., trim, blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV negative, seeks slim or skinny Asian 20-36, for boyfriend or lover. I'm affectionate, nonsmoking, good listener, mental health professional. Plus if you are foreign-born, not into bars, warmhearted, enjoy some exercise. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 210202, SF, CA 94121-0202

You'd Have a Great Time

with me because I am fun, honest, sensitive, have a big heart, like sharing and like to laugh. We'd joke together, play outside, go to movies, tell each other stories, go out to dinner and sleep with our heads on each others chest. I'm also attractive, HIV+, 5'8", 140 lbs., 43, have salt & pepper hair, blue eyes and a great smile. Send me your returnable photo and I'll show it to you (the smile). I'm attracted to smoothish, leanish, in shape, uncut but have no set types and am most drawn to honesty and sense of humor. Reply BT Box FB72 or call ★★1676.

I hope to find a relationship with a caring man who can love and be loved. Cuddling bear hugs and TLC kissing will win my heart as well as a loving nature. I'm not into bars but quiet home time, for I'm a quiet type. I'm 32, 5'9", dark hair/eyes/mustache Italian top. You: my age group, nonsmoker, no drugs, enjoy being bottom. (I'm well endowed.) Reply BT Box FB73.

Are You...

An intelligent, handsome, ambitious, athletic professional man who is somewhere around 30, physically active—definitely not a couch potato—who enjoys all the good things in life, i.e., dancing, movies, theater, good food, romantic strolls and exploring the countryside. Then we have something in common. I am a 30 yr. old GWM, 6', 155 lbs., honest, sincere, great sense of humor who enjoys good friends and good times. If you don't smoke and this sounds appealing to you then I look forward to hearing from you! Photo appreciated but not required. Reply BT Box FB74 or call ★★1677.

There Is a Doctor In the House

and he's willing to make a few house call. I am a 34-year-old good-looking physician who enjoys sports, reading, travels, parties, aerobics, music, foreign languages, meeting people. You: 21-35, any race, HIV-neg., cute, responsible, fun loving, good communicator, motivated, slim, masculine, reliable. Returnable photo please to BT Box FB75 or call ★★1678. Now can I take your pulse?

Rosy Cheeks

Friendly, goodlooking, 26 yo, GWM will administer quick slaps to your tight, round buns if you are 20-32, cute, and in good shape. I will spank you good and hard or slow and sensual, with my hand or ? Until you beefy buns glow. Wear your tightest jeans or very little or nothing at all. Bend over my lap or lie on the bed, ready to receive. Your pleasure is my pleasure. After the spanking, if you like, comes all the safe sex you want. Have you ever daydreamed about getting your rear warmed? This young guy would love to fulfill your wishes! Reply BT Box FB76 or call ★★1679.

Is 1991 Our Year?

Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. Your age is not important as your waist (30" or less). You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 49 (look 30s), 5'9", 160, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV negative, workout regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel. I'm open to a one night stand, casual affair or life-long commitment. Is 1991 our year? Call ★★1680.

Hey Big Dick Showoff, Call Me!

Here's a damned nice guy, healthy with a smooth, lean and defined physique: 5'6", 135, 47, HIV –, dark eyes and (thinning) hair. Above average good looks and endowment seeking well-built (or on the lean side), well-hung HIV – men who are like me: sexually oral/visual—playful and passionate into getting and/or giving sensational head! Come one, I won't bite. Calls only ★★1681.

Gay Couple Seeks New Friends

We are 52 and 28 and enjoy film and television (especially screenplay writing), varied music (Mahler to Madonna, Voice Farm), and good conversation. We want to meet some new friends of just about any pursuasion in the North Bay (preferably) or Bay Area. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1946, Guerneville, CA 95446.

Real Life

GWM, 43, slim, well-educated, world traveler, passionate, compassionate, presentable, stylish, polite with a real life worth sharing wishes to avoid falling asleep at the wheel of a safe, emotional and professional life seeks GM of color who also has a real life, likes himself and the difference he will find in me. I am a good conversationalist, an experienced lover, safe but not paranoid, could be comfortable as a mentor, a friend, an egalitarian husband or just a fuck buddy. This is not a neurotic beauty contest marathon but a gesture of openness to real people. Reply BT Box FB77.

New Love for a New Year?

Attractive, educated GWM, mid 30's, with a preference for Asians and Latins seeks someone special who enjoys the better things in life. I like music, cinema, travel, the arts. Would like them more with someone to share all the fun stuff with! I'm loving and a good friend 25-35 yrs. Looking for someone special preferably 25-35 yrs. of age. Let's have a happy new year! Reply BT Box FB78 or call ★★1682.

Russian River Retreat

GWM, 32, 5'7", 165#, strong body, Spanish/Italian, slight mustache, hairy chest, HIV neg, healthy professional, light smoker/drinker wants to meet younger, short, trim, smooth, clean cut, HIV neg, professional or student for outdoor activities, fireside cuddling, massage. Light smoker/drinker/pot OK. No other drugs. Send returnable photo and letter for same. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 421, Monte Rio, CA 95462 or call ★★1683. Come spend the weekend!

Five Little Wishes

This sincere, open, bright and fun-loving Asian executive has compiled the following wish list for 1991: 1) stay healthy 2) widen my circle of friends 3) explore my creative and artistic talents 4) take my demanding job less seriously 5) form a meaningful relationship with a trim and attractive GWM around my age who can be a trusting friend as well as a wonderful lover. I am in my 30's, 5'9", 148, have unique good looks, a great personality and a variety of interests including traveling, good food, stimulating conversations, performing arts and cultural events. With determination, patience and luck, I know I can fulfill the first four wishes on my own. My last wish, however, will only come true if you send me a detailed letter with your photo and phone. Reply BT Box FB79 or call ★★1684.

Hairy-Chested Wife?

GWM—mid 50's—seeks a dependable, caring, dominant husband for long-term monogamous mating. I'm medium height, husky, hirsute, and a nice guy. We are both considerate, smart, financially stable, HIV negative. I want a fine fella to be a wife in bed to and best friend with all the time. Interests include movies, restaurants, cultural pursuits, hiking, and the usual fun stuff. Reply BT Box FB80 or call ★★1685.

Slim Teen Lover Wanted

Very nice, well educated, professional GWM, 50, 5'7", 150 lbs., Scottish/English ancestry, Brown/gray hair, very trim, mustache/beard, glasses, looks like a friendly teacher, wants slender/skinny lover, 18-19, any race, kind, friendly, honest, affectionate, sincere, intelligent. Share expert massage, hot, safe sex, friendship, fun, love, possibly become roommates. No drugs, alcohol, or smoking. I can teach English, writing, computers. Box 22181, SF 94122.

New Kid On the Block

Seeking new friends with whom I may cultivate some permanent friendships and... A recent East Coast transplant, I am a cleancut, handsome product of Latin/European heritage and brought up on very traditional Catholic values. At 26, am well-bred, well-educated, and have come to revere my independence, but am very open-hearted. Always mentored by the more gentler, older folk, I have a special affinity toward older men, but not exclusively. And while I may be emotionally secure and sincere, I am all too aware of my humanity and vulnerability. My deepest respect goes out for the same in others. Am quite comfortable donning formal wear as I am Levi's and enjoy both getting lost in crowds and out on the lone runner's trail with equal intensity. This healthy (HIV –), 5'8½", 150 lb. frame enjoys the rigors of running, cycling, gym workouts, and the balance of a life of domestication. In a nutshell, I am of many and varied interests, and of great depth and warmth, only because life is so sweet. Come ride life's biggest and smallest waves with me. Letters and photos, if possible, appreciated. Reply BT Box FB81.

Renaissance Man Wanted

Professional WM, 61, 5'9", 224#, shy, sensitive. Looking for man 30 to 48, height and weight in proportion, sincere, masculine, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs, hairy a plus, more into making love than having sex, but both are great. I run a resort in an amazing, beautiful forest. Looking for a companion into nature, not afraid of moderate isolation, who enjoys people, wood fires, classical and new age music, books, quiet dinners and evenings. For friendship and possible relationship. If you are out there, write D.W.S., 11 Mosswood Circle, Cazadero, CA 95421. 707-632-5571.

Beanpole Seeks Buddy

Artsy, independent, irreverent, empathetic GWM loves opera, movies, dance, literature. In relationships, sex is the tip of the iceberg: real communication means passion and play, respect and revelation, silliness and sympathy, honesty and imagination. I'm 34, 6 feet, 125 lbs., brown-haired, blue-eyed, smokeless, drugless, drinkless, and ready to make room for a lasting relationship. Interested? Then tell me about yourself! Reply BT Box FB82 or call ★★1686.

Lifemate Material

Hot blond artist with a big dick and a hot butt, smooth, lean, toned, 5'6", sensitive and affectionate, creative and unconventional, a gourmet cook, mature, loving and mystical seeks a hot, big dicked man who wants a lifemate to focus his sexual energy on and to live and sleep with. Reply BT Box FB83.

Real Person

This handsome lean muscular GWM, 35, happens to prefer masculine smooth-skinned attractive muscular GBM. But I also want a health-conscious non-smoker who is versatile and looking for a real relationship with romance, friendship and passion. I'm a down-to-earth guy who doesn't hide his feelings, and I hate pretentiousness. I'm not interested in what car you drive: I care about people, not things. Calls only ★★ 1687.

Warm Body Needed for These Damn Cold Nights

For a blue eyed, blond, 30-ish, nice face & skin. Swimmerstype body from regular gym workouts to maintain 172 lbs, 5'11". Stable, easygoing, accommodating with interest in all the usual things. A hopeful answer would be: A sensitive white man, slightly aggressive, in good health, attractive, muscular with a nice in shape body and all the usual interest. No drug, tobacco or liquor dependents. (Italian's a plus.) Photo & Phone. Reply BT Box FB84 or call ★★1688.

I am 21 years old, libertine poet, rebel philosopher, law student, athletic, active, handsome, refined, passionate young French atheist, hedonist, wants tall, intelligent, masculine, young males (18-25 years old) in SF, Stanford, Berkeley, U.C.LA., LA. Interested in art, literature, poetry, sensuality. Photo essential. Write to Boxholder, c/o LIB. Azur Presse 5, Rue F. Faure F-06400, Cannes, France.

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and you may be missing the opportunity of a lifetime...or then again you may be doing yourself a favor if you dislike affection, companionship, honesty and a well developed sense of humor in a potential mate. You'd also be missing out on someone who likes the following: long walks (with my dog), theatre/movies, dining in and out, occasional bicycling, drives in the country, art/architecture, travel, quiet times, good conversation and socializing. I'm 39 (look younger), clean shaven, nonsmoking, Jewish (nonpracticing), professional turned architecture student, 5'9",

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Batting Zero

Seeks another loser at love to discover what we may be in a committed, responsible loving sexual friendship. Let's nourish and support each other with gentleness, honesty, and patience as we work through whatever personal and mutual issues life throws us. This reserved, intelligent, strongly sexed, attractive but overweight, modestly situated older man seeks a mature younger man who doesn't assume he has the world by the balls. I'm 54, 6'2", 240, br/br, moustache, top. We are both HIV –. Please send your picture and note to P.O. Box 640173, SF 94164-0173.

Eureka! Can You Find It??

If so you'll find an attractive Italian. A very young 58, 5'8", 155, br/br/bald, short beard, mustache, HIV –, hairy chested guy looking for similar in-shape lifemate/friend who may be ready to retire and wants a slower lifestyle. Non-smoker a must. Enjoy reading, conversation, quiet times, games, music. Current photo appreciated and returned. All answered. Reply Boxholder, Box 6043, Eureka, CA 95502-6043.

Stanford Grad Seeks Same

Relationship oriented professional seeks soulmate for companionship/affection. A sincere, shy, sensitive, and slightly serious business type with a taste for both brains and brawn (e.g. hairy chests), I'm attractive, masculine, 5'11", 165 lbs., blond, blue, and a boyish 34. You are mid to late twenties, athletic, goal oriented, yet spontaneous, shy, and not too independent. Let's be friends first and see what happens. Call ★★1690.

Good Times and Possibly Sex

Me: goodlooking WM mid 30's, 5'6", 140 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, straight looking, educated professional. You: 25-35, 110-140 lbs, mature, stable, healthy, humorous. Let's meet and have fun together. Asians welcomed. P.O. Box 4798, SF 94101 or cal ★★1691.

Excellent Boyfriend Material

Handsome prof. GWM, early 30's, 6', 165#, clean shaven and in good shape, playful, honest, caring, funny, HIV neg. into: motorcycles, Cafe Flor, Uranus, T.V., live bands & being friends. Looking for guys 18-35 into fun. No drugs, rescuers, rescuees. Let's bring out the best in each other. Send photo & phone to BT Box FB86 or call ★★1692.

Mr. Mostly Wonderful

Mostly Wonderful You: Mature romantic, aged 30 to 50, moustache or beard, sense of humor, able to talk about things other than yourself. HIV negative, sexy, beefy gym-goer, non-attached, financially secure, open to the possibility of living with the right person after courtship. Mostly Wonderful Me: Mature romantic, aged 41, 6', 190 lbs., beefy gym-goer, HIV negative, sense of humor, able to talk about things other than myself, financially secure, like cinema, arts, languages, travel, beaches, hot safe sex and cuddling, recently relocated from Europe. Reply with photo to BT Box FB87 or call ★★1693.

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I want to make music with sharing, cooperative people. I am a self-taught, competent (not concert) pianist (I have two pianos); also play recorder and guitar and sing tenor. I love show tunes, pop, early rock, country, classical. We can sing in harmony (two parts or more), play keyboard duets or with your instrument, or...? My politics are leftist, profeminist, antiracist, and yours should be too. Call ★★1694.

Some Enchanted Evening

We'll meet, no longer strnagers... My arresting eyes, long lashes, sexy mouth and sardonic wit will seduce you. On not-so-enchanted days, I'm 40+, 175 lbs., 6' tall, fit but not yet "gym-toned," African-American, HIV –, handsome, strong, gentle, sexy. When we connect, perhaps you'll want to know more about my social science background, corporate job or diverse group of friends or why I love spicy food, theater, dancing, comedy and community service. Like me, you're bright, politically conscious, responsible, creative, and quite often funny. You'll also be good-looking and healthy, with interests of your own. Write or call and add adventure to your staple diet...or all thru your lives we may dream all alone. Reply BT Box FB88 or call ★★1695.

Person Willing & Able (PWA)

Energetic, attractive, dark skinned, bearded, Americanized Cuban, 5'7", 36, 140 lbs with defined slender, hairy body, big smile, and long hair in search of PWA's or HIV+ with comparable energy, attractive body, mind, and outlook, 30 yrs. up, and aggressive. Shared interests: drum circles, massage, gardening, cuddling, adventure, open-minded, conversation, long term seduction. Shared aversions: fast jumps in the sack, nymphomania, negative attitude on AIDS. Photo gets mine. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1002, Sausalito 94966 or call ★★1696.

I'm Allergic

to avocados. I don't shave on weekends. And my mother's from Minnesota. Those are the essentials. Also, I'm a Jewish-identified atheist, a part-time yuppy, a confident individualist, a Berkeley grad and I won't, repeat, won't date Republicans, armadillos, or left-handed ax-murderers (unless you didn't mean to). I'm 24, seeking a self-directed, open-minded, HIV –, caring adventurer 21-35. Reply BT Box FB89 or call ★★1697.

I Am Not Your China Doll

But an attractive, youthful and intelligent Asian professional seeking a warm, honest and sincere GWM for friendship, dating and hopefully more. I am mature, stable, and somewhat conservative but can be pretty crazy if the right (or wrong) button is pressed. While the way you look is secondary to your positive attitude and good sense of humor, I relate better to someone in his late 20's to early 40's and who, like me, is physically fit and collegiate looking. Picture optional but a descriptive letter with your phone number to P.O. Box 261, Millbrae, CA 94030 will get my immediate response or call ★★1698.

Slim Chinese, Viet or Thai Wanted

Sincere W/M, youthful 41 years, 6'2", 170 lbs., trim, blue eyes, clean shaven, HIV negative, seeks slim or skinny Asian 20-36, for boyfriend or lover. I'm affectionate, nonsmoking, good listener, mental health professional. Plus if you are foreign-born, not into bars, warmhearted, enjoy some exercise. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 210202, SF 94121-0202

Class Act

Classy, mature, professional man would like to meet same who is a top. Outside of the sack, I probably most enjoy gardening, cooking, reading and talking. I love Europe, the North woods, the beach. I would suppose that I am challenging, generous, emotional, and artistic. I have been given the blessing of faith, and of sobriety. I am HIV negative, a non smoker, and keep myself reasonably fit. I love life and am thankful for having a pretty good life. Above all, I would love to meet a life mate. Reply BT Box FB90 or call ★★1699.

Natural Foods Lover

is what I am, (and what I want!) I'm vegeterian, 31, slightly built, bright, cute, funny, (absurdly neurotic sometimes,) and very nice. I'm seeking someone who's (also) cleanshaven, lean to fit, health-conscious, (particularly health-foods conscious,) 26-39, with a sharp sense of humor and a gentle disposition. So, if you fit that description, write: Boxholder, Suite 384, 584 Castro St., SF, 94114-2588, or call ★★1700.

Is He Really Gay?

Yes, but let's try something different. Making friends first, letting sex come second. Attractive GBM, 41, 6', slender, mustache HIV+, wants a sincere boyfriend. Looking for Bi/GWM, 35-45, down to earth concerns, good build, impish sense of humor and a nurturing spirit. (First timers welcome.) I enjoy my work, good food, film, lots of music, conversation, and cuddling. Photo and letter please. Respect and affection are possible. Reply BT Box FB91 or call ★★1701.

Asian Master Wanted

WM, 5'6", 150 lbs., seeks domination from short, lightweight oriental. Into verbal abuse, leather, boot licking, raunchy armpits, titwork and working my tongue on your body. Make this slave grovel at an Asian master's feet and learn to love it. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 6655/SF 94101.

Cherish the Thought

of always having you here by my side. WM, 5'10", 175, non-gym toned, light brown hair, sparkling/twinkling blue eyes (the critics can't seem to agree which), engaging smile, dynamic kisser. At 35, finally feel that I'm ready for a committed relationship with another bearded non-cigarette smoker. My major interests: science fiction, high energy/pop/classical music, PBS, nature, teddy bears. Like me, you're self-assured, caring, sensitive, supportive, not afraid to speak your mind, ask questions or have doubts. Sexually versatile, we like cuddling, assplay, titplay and leather—but our overall philosophy is that it ain't sex until someone gets fucked. Other teddies are encouraged to write with photo (returnable). Reply BT Box FB92 or call ★★1702.

Honest Love

GWM, 38, 6', 175, HIV –, handsome, honest, passionate, seeking relationship away from smoke, drugs, and alcohol, any race. If you are shy like me, prefer a letter to bars and know the meaning of love and respect, please contact me. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 11409, SF 94101 or call ★★1703.

Mine For Yours

Home video exchange plus? Into hot j/o. Me: good-looking GWM, 36 y.o., 5'5", 130 lbs., w/e, hairy ass, legs. P/p to: P.O. Box 640361, SF 94164-0361.

Slim, Goodlooking, Retired Guy

Seeks short, slim, over 50 guy, facial hair preferred. I'm 5'9", 160#, good shape, HIV negative. I like bars (but not much alcohol), classical music, art and am intelligent. As an ex-druggie, I'm tolerant of sane drug use but not abuse. I'm dominant but versatile. Small dicks are "ok." Like to suck, rim and fuck, suck a soft dick and my butch ass can get fucked. Smoker preferred. Photos returned. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5473, SF 94101.

Powerful Slender Valentine Seeks Older, Powerfully Built Valentine

I'm 38, 5'11", 150 lbs, GWM, HIV –, slender,

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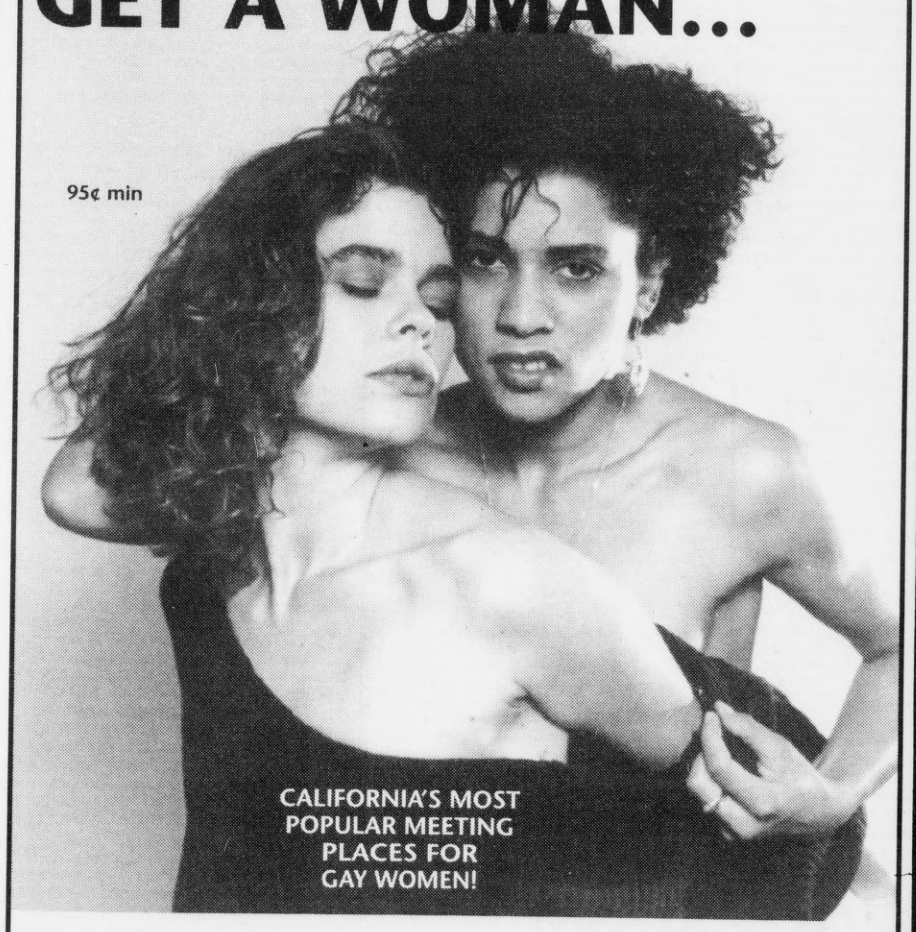

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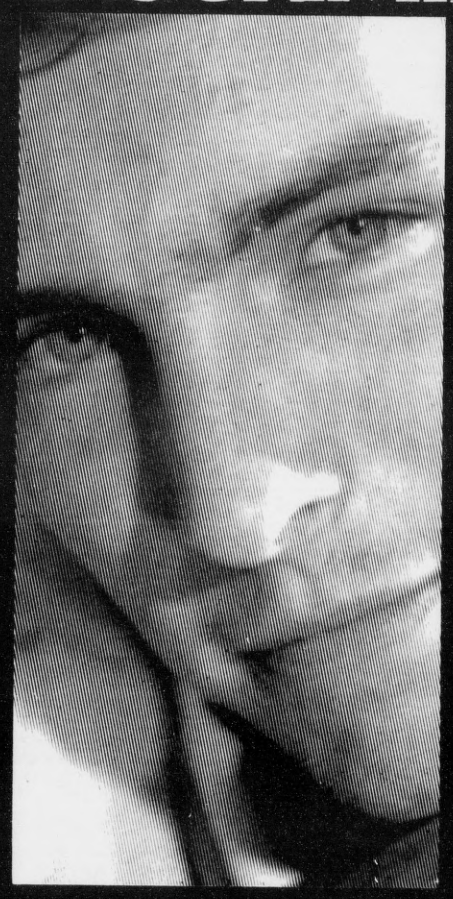

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muscular, good-looking, with great inner-strength and tremendous emotional and intellectual depth. I enjoy hiking, camping, swimming, weights, running, gardening, cooking, writing, reading, Cal football and sex. My ideal Valentine would be older than I am and possess a big, muscular, defined physique—but also inner bigness, great hnonesty and wholeness. He would be HIV –, sexually versatile—needing to both dominate and yield, very masculine, proud of his maleness, and attracted to slender, well-built men. Reply BT Box FB93 or call ★★1704.

Pop Quiz

Are we compatible? Take this quiz and find out: 1) Name your favorite movie featuring strong women with Southern accents (points deducted if you answer "Gone With the Wind"). 2) Describe your favorite sacrilegious sexual fantasy (bonus points awarded for including incense and purple votive candles). 3) Would you rather a) have a three-way with Phyllis Schaffley and Herb Caen; b) be subjected to seventeen hours of Phil Collins' music; or c) be burned at the stake. Call now and you'll receive a free set of Ginsu Knives (ooh, what fun!). Reply BT Box FB94 or call ★★1705.

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Exhibiting the determination, curiosity and courage that have enabled us to thrive, where most only survive. So, this isn't the way Mama said it would happen! Well, I've come to realize that Mama's wonderful marriage won't work as a model for mine in a lot of ways—so you and I get to discover what is right just for us. We already have fulfilling lives as individuals, but we know we can be even more, as we support each other in a nurturing relationship. I am handsome, GWM, 42 (always pass for less), 5'11", 154#, br/bl, runner, excellent condition, HIV –, non-smoker/drugs. Successful, but always vulnerable, entrepreneur, because of a lifelong commitment to innovative ventures with 3 fully aligned objectives: making a difference, making money, having fun. Own a beautiful view home in SF; like the City, travel, skiing, bicycling, music art, entertaining, quiet country living, and spending time with my godkids. The close scrutiny of my own proclivities suggests my life-partner will be smart, energetic, handsome, in excellent physical condition, younger than me, a romantic, make me laugh, and share at least some of my interest and lack of vices. A few principles cannot be compromised—integrity, responsibility, loyalty, being genuinely nice, and a desire to be monogamous. Please write, photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB95.

Hopeful

25, 5'9", 175, br/gr all American boy, seeks a man like myself who is clean & sober, professional, motivated, loves to laugh, explore, teach & learn, is proud of his masculinity and his caring side. Someone who enjoys spontaneity, adventure and love. Someone who is my age who wants to be committed in a loving relationship. There has to be someone out there who is whole in body, mind, spirit. Reply BT Box FB96 or call ★★1706.

Hairy and Hung

From Italy, 42, 5'8", 160 lbs, good looks, great shape, balding, masculine, muscular, uncut and big (proof available) looking for similar men in shape, cut OK, the hairier/bigger the better. Pen pals OK. Hirsute a plus. I'm a professional, natural, happy person with lots of interests and hobbies in life. I offer quality time and safe fun. Photo/phone/note to: Box 2554, Guerneville, CA 95446-2554.

Handsome, Muscular, Italian

GWM, 34, 6'2", 175 lbs into travel, fitness, romance and quiet times. Very heavily endowed seeks another HIV negative extremely well hung man with similar interests for monogamous relationship. Send photo/phone to BT Box FB97.

In Search Of

Average looking versatile guy, 6', 175, 43, healthy HIV+, wants a fuck buddy to maul, nibble, cuddle, hurt good, and sleep with on a regular basis. I'm butt-oriented: mine or yours, preferably both, as well as a kisser and toucher. Range from vigorous/rough to tactile. Crave furry chests, sensitive nibbles, full manly beards and hairy holes. Drawn to men (not boys) who are unabashed to talk about their needs and strong enough to risk getting them. Drop a line to P.O. Box 460595, SF 94146 or call ★★1707.

Sensitive/Romance

I would like to meet a special person for a monogamous relationship but am open to new friendships. I am 36, 5'8", 135 lbs., HIV negative, 75% Italian and 25% German. I have dark brown hair/eyes and currently have a beard. I have a successful career. I am a kind and sensitive person and am masculine. I love to laugh and especially enjoy people who can create magic with others. I appreciate beauty in all of its forms. I enjoy traditional jazz, rhythm and blues singers (Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, etc.) and most other music. I have been told that I am "refined" yet down to earth. I have remained rather unjaded. I would like to meet someone who is open to romance with the right person. Ideally 5'8" or under, blond/red hair, preferred, but not required, blue eyes, preferred, but not required, 30-39 yrs old, sensitive, intelligent, masculine, HIV negative, likes movies and chinese food, attractive, financially secure, refined fun, nice guy, kind, good communicator, invites personal growth, sensual, no addictions, body—average or better. Does this sound like you? Would you like to meet someone like me? Then please respond, with a photo if possible. Reply BT Box FB98.

Why Not a Valentine Everyday?

One day a year is not enough for me! What about you? Attractive, humorous, romantic GWM, 52, 5'10", 180 lbs, hairy, clean shaven, brown hair, HIV-neg, non-drinker/smoker desires friendship maybe developing into monogamous lover relationship with attractive, nice man 30-50 who wouldn't mind being spoiled with affection and trust. Reply BT Box FB99 w/photo or call ★★1708.

Raunchy Naturally

That's me. 39 y.o., 150, 5'10", very hairy, bearded. Enjoy the more musty side of life. You 30-45. 120-170, bearded and or moustached. Interests: outdoors, yellow & brown bandanas, long sessions, one night or ? Send photo. P.O. Box 880647, SF 94188-0647 or call ★★1709.

Make My Day

Down to earth, laid back, WM, 33, 6', trim, br. hair, thinning, HIV –, artist, student, would like to meet guys late 20's to 40, tall +, into beaches, riding waves, tropics, deserts, Monument Valley, camping, food, films, music, home time, good times, nesting ?, rural environments, dogs, horses, jeans, t-shirts. Not into bars, shopping malls, attitude. Lite smoke/drink ok. No abusers please! I live in Santa Cruz mountains, work S.F. weekends. Reply BT Box FB100 or call ★★1710.

If You Like Husky W/M

Read the rest of this ad. I'm W/M, 44, 5'10", 200#, good stocky build, hung, uncut, cleanshaven, medium hairy, HIV –, n/s, n/d. No greek. Looking for slim to medium build Asian or W/M for creative whatnot. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive, and have many interests. Wouldn't this be almost more fun than winning a sweepstakes? So, what are you waiting for? Come on! Send it in! Letter/photo to BT Box FB101.

Hypnotist Search

Sweet Bay Area man looking for a special hypnotist for fantasies, mind control, age regression and more. Prefer a dominant and experienced hypnotist. I have gone very deep and become very submissive in the past with the right master hypnotist. I fantasize about going out or even staying in with a hypnotist for an evening under his powerful hypnotic trance. Write now, sir, and we can talk more. Reply BT Box FB102 or call ★★1711.

Love, Raunch, Monogamy

I'm seeking you if you're very slim (lightly muscled to lean/muscular), 20's to 40's, attractive, emotionally stable, HIV-negative, nonsmoking, masculine. And if you: like spending your leisure time at home, seriously seek a committed, permanent, monogamous relationship, are emotionally equipped to live that relationship and are genuinely drawn to a man with whom you can share yourself completely: your body, body functions (all of them), spirit, feelings, habits, ideas—and enjoy having him share himself with you. If this describes you accurately and if you'd want to settle down with a tall, slim, masculine man, 45: balding (receding hair/high forehead), glasses, presentable looks, moderately hairy legs/chest, hung average—respond with an honest, informative letter and recent photo(s). A real interest in one-to-one dialogue and a passion for both tame and totally unconventional sex is essential. I've placed this ad because I can actually commit myself and make good on my promise; please respond only if you can do the same. Reply BT Box FB103.

North Bay

Lonely and isolated in the country. GWM, 53, 5'9", 160, HIV neg., seeks similar man 50+ to share mutually satisfying and romantic good times. Me: salt and pepper hair, moustache, healthy, quiet, shy, home oriented, non-smoker, warm, very oral, affectionate, and intellectual. You: masculine, sensual, assertive, self-confident, healthy life style, looks unimportant. Possible relationship. All responses answered. Photo (not necessary) returned. Reply BT Box FB104.

Quality

Yes we're intelligent, laid-back, and have interests but we're also looking for sweaty fun, safe sex and somebody compatible for going dancing, no-pressure-dating, companionship, cuddling, kissing, hanging out. GWM, 31, 5'10", independent, unambitious, healthy, unpretentious and stable, 155 lbs, green eyes, brown hair, looks for GWM/GLM, GAM, musculine, 28-34. Like affection, conversation, humor, moustaches, sex. Dislike earrings, phoniness. Let's hear about you! Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 193066, SF 94114.

Younger Friends/Penfriends

I would enjoy coffee or correspondence with much younger white or asian men (without earrings, ponytails, beards) who wish to discuss their thoughts/feelings with an attentive, understanding, caring, non-activist, former teacher. I am 5'11", 135 lbs., 50, HIV –, and not a drug-user, drinker, or smoker, but need to add something to the lives of other males. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 2282, SF 94126.

Uncomplicated Romance

You might drive a pickup truck, wear levis and flannel shirts or t-shirts. You are probably over 5'10", 30-50 yrs. old, at least moderately hairy, and reasonably well-built. You are masculine and prefer being on top. You may be HIV+ or not disturbed about being with someone who is. You're confident, fairly uncomplicated, unaffected and have no major problems with intimacy or communications. You are basically happy with your life but would prefer being in a committed relationship. If some of the above sounds like you and you might be attracted to a handsome 6'1", 34 yr. old white male, then respond. Photo appreciated but not required for response. Reply BT Box FB105 or call ★★1713.

Beefy Bear Seeks Chubby Bear

For friend, sex buddy and maybe more. I'm 45, Italian, beefy, hairy, uncut, masculine and sincere. Comfortable in denim or leather. I want to hear from you if you are a big chubby guy and like to have fun. Photo appreciated. P.O. Box 1714, Daly City, CA 94014 or call ★★1714.

Cuddly/Huggable/Lovable

6'1", 245 lbs. of Italian bearded teddy bear knockout—seeking other bear-friends and bear lovers, especially like Latin men but all are welcome for friendship and/or sex and/or relationship? Call ★★1715.

DMSR

Maybe. This 24, 5'11", 160, br/br GWM seeks another cute GWM in 21-28 range to enjoy the first two letters of the slogan and the last two if things click. If you like music, movies, and books enough to talk for hours about them, if you can tell stories and turn cartwheels; and if you laugh easily, write. (Which do you notice first: eyes or ass?) Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB106.

Attention: Latins, Asians

Hitech professional, from mideast, seeks mature and stable friend 25 yrs. + for sex and romance. I am 5'8", about 160, 40, sincere, HIV –, with a comfortable home and warm heart. Phone number, picture requested. P.O. Box 11683, SF 94101 or call ★★1716.

Looking for Tall, Muscular Black Top Guy

Me: 27, 6 ft, 165 lbs, black hair, hazel eyes, attractive, masculine, intelligent, honest, great sense of humor, and politically aware. I keep in shape by working out and running, but also like to party at times. Interests of mine include painting, writing, hiking, the ocean, music, and anything new and interesting I haven't done yet. Sexually like to orally service and take care of the guy I'm with. Though want more than a sexual relationship. If you're 27-40, very masculine and attractive, healthy, not into gay scene, individual, dominant in bed, and able to communicate out of bed, enjoy life and like to have fun, reply BT Box FB107 or call ★★1717.

No Time for Love?

Yeah—me neither! WM, 29, 160, 6', HIV –, versatile, athletic, artistic, goodlooking, balding and looking for love anyway! This hot, hard body needs inspiration for navigation of my lonely dick. You're intelligent, sexy good looks, HIV – and independent. Serious men with good humor age 25-45, please reply. Photo not necessary but will be returned. Reply BT Box FB108 or call ★★1718.

Give Me

your hot bubble butt. Blk top, 46, 6 ft, 195, big daddy type, salt & pepper, mustache, very dark seeks submissive bottoms white or latino 35 tc 60 into massage—tit play—lt. SM. Sensuous, sincere, loving. Photos appreciated. I will always love you. You are my reality. Safe sex a must. Condoms. Happy Valentine! Reply BT Box FB109.

Ready to Take a Chance?

Looking to meet that special guy to spend fun times together and work toward the possibility of a relationship. I'm 28, 5'11", 175 lbs, dark hair, brown eyes, Asian/Caucasian background, professional, live and work in SF. I enjoy movies, plays, long get-away weekends, sharing dinners, and the ocean. I'm adventurous, caring, affectionate, humorous, creative. Seeking that special someone, 25+, with similar interests, who has life goals and dreams, a bright mind, big heart, and longing to meet his counterpart. If you're ready to take a chance, reply with letter, photo (appreciated) to BT Box FB110.

South Bay/Peninsula

This masculine, attractive, GWM, stable/sane, is ready to meet masculine, mature guys for friendship/fun. I'm 43, 6', 175 lbs, brown/green, HIV –, in shape, smooth, mostly top (although that's not important). I like straight-acting, furry guys, HIV –, who know their own mind. Age/race not important. No drugs/alcohol/tobacco tolerant. I can't cook, but I can do dishes. Photo/phone to Box 611141, SJ 95161-1141 or call ★★1719.

"Real" Tall Dark Handsome Top

GWM, 37, 6', 195 lbs, HIV neg, swimmer, moderate weightlifter, valentine material seeks friend, possibly more if you are 25-40, sparkling eyes, and personality into romance, spontaneity, adventure & life, secure in yourself and your potential possessing a quiet confidence. Dark hair, moustache, light eyes a +. Send photo returnable or call. Reply BT Box FB111 or call ★★1720.

Do You Have a Boyish Appearance?

I'm a goodlooking GWM, 32, 6', 170 lbs. straight-appearing, non-smoker with brown hair/eyes and hairy chest. Am seeking a younger playmate (18-26) and intimate companion with a very slender build (Asian or Hispanic a plus). I'm stable, intelligent, honest and sincere. Relationship possible. Enjoy outdoors, gourmet cooking, music, dancing, films, sex, cuddling and romantic evenings plus much more. Photo/phone appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 640548, SF 94164 or call ★★1721.

Smooth Horny Top

Seeks relatively smooth, cute, younger bottom. Early forties, 5'11", 165#, HIV –, well hung & ready for action with my boyfriend anytime of the day or night. Great cuddling, frenching, massage, plus whatever action you enjoy. Professional in Construction Management, gym regular, non-smoker, who is happy, warm hearted, open, communicative, honest, sensitive, considerate, extroverted and strong. I enjoy fine wine, the arts, theatre, all types of music, beaches, running, fireplace cuddling. Send photo & phone to: P.O. Box 14184, SF 94114.

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Do any (most) of the following strike a chord of interest? Community involvement, classic cars, coffee & the paper on Sun. morn., black tie to blue jeans, KUSF to KSOL & everything in between, bicycling, snow skiing, intense theater weeks in N.Y.C., 3 hankie movies, laughing, fine wines & champagnes, restaurant discoveries, the ocean, and all the Bay Area has to offer. I am a GWM, 37, 6'4", 210#, cleanshaven, hoping to run across someone who sees some of himself in the above. If you are 20s to mid 30s & cleanshaven, would love it if you would take a chance & respond. Reply BT Box FB112 or call ★★1723.

I Am

a together, down to earth, masculine GWM, 5'9", 140 lbs, 49 yr. old. Slim, runner's build, HIV –. Enjoy outdoors and movies, shows, dinners, etc. Am looking for an uncommon man, 40+, who can, like me, hike a trail, read a book, talk, laugh and who would like to share a balanced warm, caring relationship with another. Contact me. I'll respond. I promise. Reply BT Box FB113 or call ★★1724.

Are You European?

I am seeking a European born man, especially English, Irish, Scots, Scandinavian, German or French. You are an intelligent, well-educated conversationalist. You are slender to skinny and fair skinned. I am nice looking, 36, 6'1", 180# and HIV –. I love theatre, film, art, politics, hiking, biking and skiing. I do not like smokers, abusers or gay clones. Am more interested in a well built mind than a well built body. P.O. Box 410401, SF 94101 or call ★★1725.

Seeks Asian American

Try to get over it that I'm not tall (5'9") or blond (brownish-red). Otherwise attractive, muscular, professional 33yo GWM seeks handsome, masculine, non-FOB Asian, of similar height and build, my age or younger. We are both intellectual, serious, non-smoking. People think I'm odd because I don't have a television buy maybe if we put our brains together we can think of some other way to entertain ourselves: books, theater, movies? Reply BT Box FB114 or call ★★1726.

Let's Not "Do Brunch"

This masculine GWM who considers himself "out" and who has many other openly Gay friends sometimes has difficulty relating to Gay Bars, Speedos, phone sex, drag shows, & top 40 dance mixes. I'd like to meet other masculine, down to earth men in their late 20s to early 40s who might possibly relate to such things as 49er games, hardware stores, small groups of close (not necessarily gay) friends, children, Berkeley's Triple Rock Brewery, Vonnegut, hiking, bicycling, skiing, and live music such as Rock, Blues, R&B, Reggae, Jazz, and the Grateful Dead. My hope is that by meeting gay men with even remotely similar interests and values, I may meet one with whom there's a realistic basis for a mutually satisfying monogamous relationship in which we could both be each other's best friend. I'm 31 years old, 5'10", 175 lbs, good looks, balding, bearded, average build, & HIV –. I'm very attracted to bearded men with medium to long hair, but would like to hear from all others. Photos appreciated but not required. Reply BT Box FB115 or call ★★1727.

Socks Off

You knock my, I your. We are: stable, strong, solvent, sensitive, playful, healthy, masculine men, w/ good hearts and our own beauty, inside and out. I am SF-East Bay, educated, traveled, professional, fun in bed. I ski, cook, travel, hike, enjoy my work and friends. You are: 28-38, soulful, a bit of a rascal. Socks off? Photo/phone/note to P.O. Box 483, Berkeley 94701.

Quality Man, Dynamite Relationship

I'm looking for a creative, conscious relationship with a man who's ready and eager for a lover and for the sparks to fly. I like spontaneity and planning, theater, home maintenance, local and foreign travel, liberal causes. I'm handsome, 5'10" (you should be about the same), 150#, recently HIV+, asymptomatic, very health conscious (but like pot), swimmer, hiker. I'm 45 but look about 38. I'm sexy and tend to be a versatile top, visual, into safe butt and nipple play. I manage stress through yoga & hot tubbing, and I'm predominantly vegetarian. I'm socially skilled, very funny and ready for going for the gusto with you. Can you deal with realism and romance? Can you handle an independent guy and meet my energy? Hey, let's talk! Reply BT Box FB116 or call ★★1728.

Wanna Rough House

Playful guy with boyish good looks seeks big, masculine type for a few sweaty rounds. Me: 5'9", 150 lbs, HIV –, 37, br/bl, smooth body, nice swimmer's build. I'm fun to be with and really hot with the right guy. You: straight acting, stocky muscular build, hairy, HIV –, 25-45 with the right attitude. Let's see if you're as strong as you think you are! Reply BT Box FB117 or call ★★1729.

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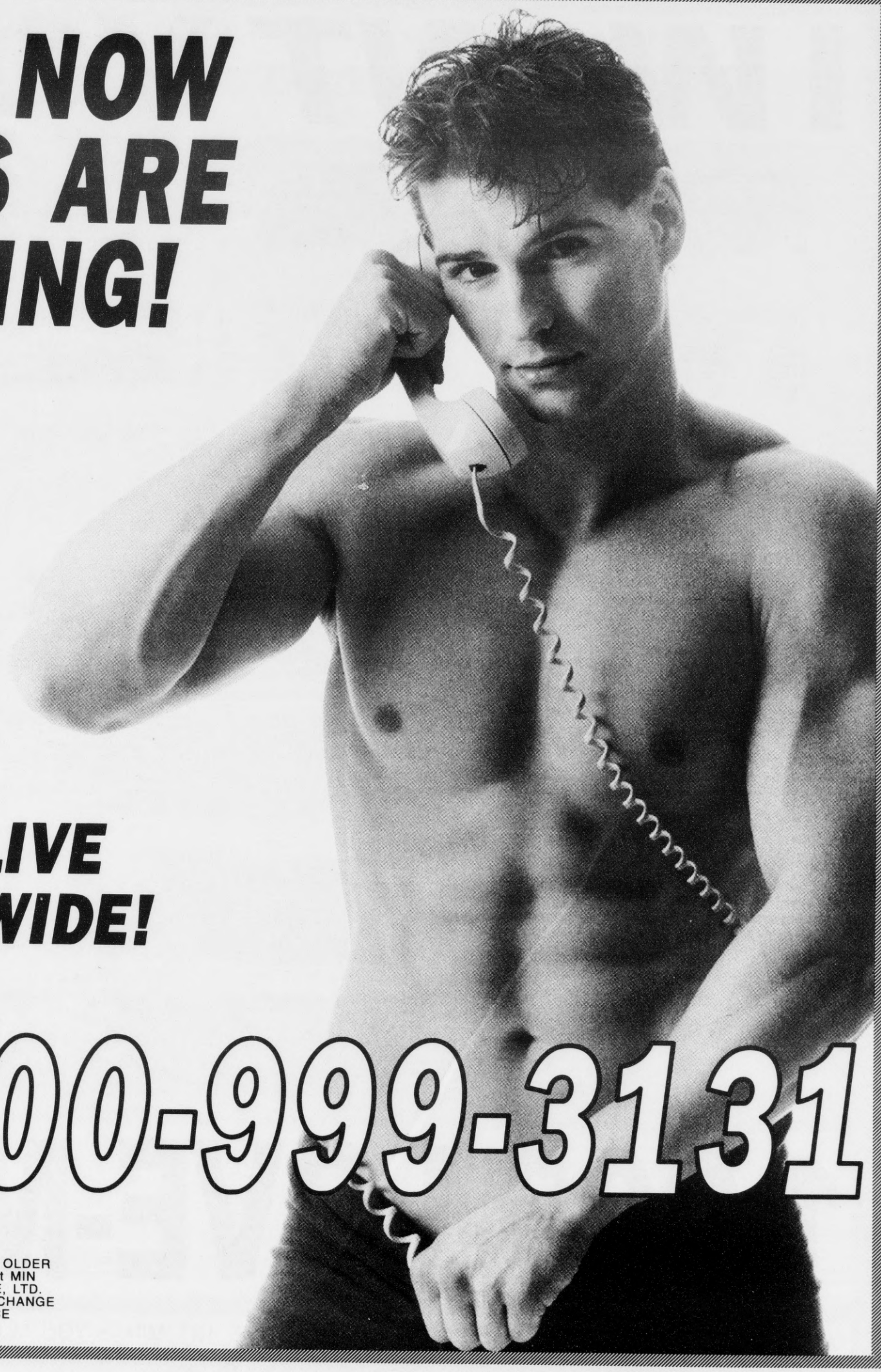

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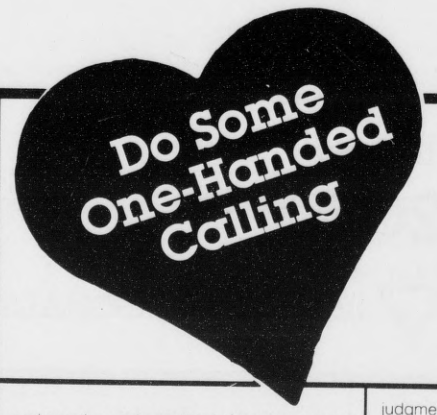

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Best Ass Massage in S.F.

This GWM, 39, 6'5", 200 lbs, brown hair and moustache likes ass. I love to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long safe ride. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, HIV–, with nice buns and a hungry butt. Call now for details. You won't regret it! Call ★★1731.

Passionate, Romantic, Independent Guy Seeks Similar

To make slow moves towards partnership. At 27, 5'10", 135#, I'm lean, healthy and often horny. I can be moody, and private, but I do want to share my life with a man. Young (25-35), thin and muscular, dreamy, sexually creative bad boys with a sense of purpose and a sexy grin will have me hot and bothered. I prefer you positive (+) as I am. Sensitive, humorous, and/or erotic letters and crayola self portraits appreciated. Reply BT Box FB119 or call ★★1732.

Gentle Get Together

Sixtyish, trim 5'10" still need body comfort, give and take pleasure with hands, cuddle, clinch, chest to chest release or just relax. I can listen, remain silent or dialogue. I am educated, sensitive, masculine, congenial, need compatible men to share our time, consider friendship or just celebrate our bodies unpretentiously. Please respond. Boxholder, P.O. Box 294, SF 94101 or call ★★1733.

Homebody

GWM, 45, 145 lbs, 5'9", lean-bodied, masculine, bearded, moderate body hair, HIV neg., uncut hung, serious, fun-loving, creative, humorous and liberal minded. Into Yoga, health foods, swimming, walking, old movies, some dining out and music. Pursues the art of love making with a slim built, moderately hairy, younger and shorter man who has a good sense of humor and enjoys being bottom. Response and photo to Boxholder, Box 590112, SF 94159 or call ★★1734.

Uncut? Atypically Gay?

Nice looking guy, 36, 6'1", 180# and HIV– seeks slender/skinny uncut intellectual who wants a monogamous, committed relationship. I love the arts and outdoors (hiking, biking, skiing), am a non-smoker and not into the bar scene. You should be same. I think intelligence, humor and honesty more important than looks. I believe in making love not just having sex. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 410401, SF 94141 or call ★★1735.

Asian Swimmer

Sane, boyishly good-looking, health conscious, non-smoker would like to meet men for friendship & good times. Any race & color. Photo & phone # please. Reply BT Box FB120 or call ★★1736.

How Do You Handle a Hungry Bear?

This GWM, 50, 6'2", 260, country bear would love to hear from bay area bear-mates who also love teddy pleasure and grizzly pain during my infrequent visits south. Serious party animals who would love to "bear" it all should write: Lover Bear, P.O. Box 3348, Eureka CA 95501 or call ★★1737.

To Make a Friend...

You have to be a friend... Come be my friend and help stamp out my celibacy... Boxholder, P.O. Box 7849, Stanford, CA 94309.

Gee 40-65 and Still a Great Lover

I want a masculine, outgoing, friendly, HIV–, cheerful, interesting, stocky built male lover, any race, any height, for a deeply, satisfying relationship. Single, divorced, married males welcomed. I am a dark black male, 45, 5'9", HIV–, 155, nice looking, nice body, sensitive to your needs and affectionate. Photo please and note to: Boxholder, Box 31662, Oakland 94604. Thanks.

Bisexual Man Seeks Men

I retired at the age of 44, so I now have the time to do the many things I missed while involved in my business career. I like the company of men with a good heart, that do not live in the I and me world. (What's in it for me and what do I get out of it.) Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 620668, Woodside, CA 94062.

Clean & Sober—Asian/Latin/or? 18-35: Easygoing & Generally Peaceful

Philosophy, sensual but moderate/stable lifestyle, music, videos... Goodlooking GWM, 29, 5'9", 150 lbs, hairy, cleanshaven, seeks friends (+?) with similar interests: non or light alcohol/etc., Twilight Zone, Ansel Adams, Wittgenstein, Jaspers, James, Buber, Chaplin, Newhart, The Far Side, Matt Ramsey, Squirt Cummings, J/O, FR P/A—Sade, Elton, Simply Red, Rundgren, Santana, Prokoviev, KKSF... Something in common? Letter & photo. Reply BT Box FB121 or call ★★1738.

Who's My Best Friend?

If you are he, you're a GM, 25-45, attractive—intelligent—literate—articulate—politically progressive. Like me, you love exercise (mine is bodybuilding and swimming) and you work hard to let your body look and feel its best. You have a passion for classical music (but enjoy dancing to pop), literature, ideas, and the fine arts. You're a practicing, questioning, liberal Catholic or other Christian believer who sees his spirituality as an integral part of his personal growth and social action. You don't smoke or use drugs, but you may be a light social drinker. You're HIV negative. Preferably, you're a top (since I love being a bottom). You're aware of your feelings, both positive and negative, and are willing to share them openly as a way of building intimacy and trust. More about me? All of the above; I'm a GWM, 34, clean-shaven, brown/brown, 5'10", 170#, uncut, attractive, a reflective UCB graduate student preparing for a new career. If this ad describes you, and you're also seeking your best friend for dating and possible longtime companionship, please send a descriptive letter. Reply BT Box FB122.

Needs a Dark Friend

GWM, 50s, 6'1", 190 lbs. Handsome silverado, intelligent, healthy, HIV+. Wants to meet mature, attractive HIV+ GBM for sex, dating, sharing, mutual support. Likes books, buildings, music, thrift shops, long drives, motels. Reply BT Box FB123.

Strange in Paradise

GWM, 36, 6', 158# seeks masculine guy under 40 for friendship, dating and/or safe sex (mildly kinky ok). I am shy, work odd hours, like cats, skiing, travel, working out at the gym, showering with hard tumescent guys. Reply with photo to BT Box FB124 or call ★★1739.

Need Kindling to Light My Fire

Sweet, lascivious, young man desires to be melted by flaming, tumultuous romance. Am Thai/Norwegian. My mother and others say I'm attractive. Love autobahns, red roses, warm beds, Billie Holiday, hot luscious kisses. Seeking attractive, intelligent, sensitive, HIV– man (18-30) who likes to cuddle, laugh, and has a pair of gentle hands to hold my heart. Reply BT Box FB125 or call ★★1740.

High Sierra Partner

Wanted: Young guy who enjoys the outdoors who could get into teaming up with a muscular masculine good looking guy for friendship, mutual benefit, good times, and more. Share large secluded cabin, with stream and forest, as far as you can see. Enjoy starry nights in front of a roaring fireplace with a clean cut, athletic, healthy (HIV-neg) well built G/W/M (38, look young, 6'0", 190#, brn/grn) into bodybuilding—work out daily, active in sports, backpacking, mountain bikes, scuba. A man who with many interests, talents (artist-musician), but is still a boy at heart—and much more than this ad. Honest, work hard, play hard. Live positive healthy lifestyle. Am looking for you! You're an 18-28 G/W/M, good looking, energetic guy with heart and spirit, who shares some similar interests (into bodybuilding a plus) and likes the thought of teaming up with a masculine, muscular guy and living in the central Sierras. If you've been looking for the chance to have a real friend, and a good place to live, take the time, and check this out—just do it! Open to big brother/daddy relationship. Non smoker preferred, no drug/liquor problems. Descriptive letter, photo (a must) gets same promptly. Thanks. Reply BT Box FB126 or call ★★1741.

Leather Dad looking for a Boy/Buddy. My Boy likes to be shaved, and sometimes needs to be spanked. He wears leather. He likes to snuggle up to Daddy's big chest and be held in his Dad's muscular arms. Like his Dad he is HIV+, fit & healthy. He has a sense of humor and a variety of interests. Is he you? Give me a call ★★1742.

Now For Something Completely Different

Healthy, attractive 38, former yuppie, preppie in conservative suit wants to see what he's missed. The suit's still here but there's a thong underneath. Seeking son, brother types to tie me up, shave my butt then safely pump my virgin hole! You 18-32 any race, in shape, HIV–, average or less endowed, willing to experiment. I'm open so to speak. Any suggestions, leather perhaps. Reply BT Box FB127 or call ★★1743.

Commitment

If you understand the "C" word and aren't afraid of it then read on. GWM 38 very handsome (look much younger), 5'5", brn-grn, slender build-toned, HIV+ healthy bottom. Somewhat shy, independent and self-employed. My interests include horseback riding, movies, all kinds of music, concerts, dining out, cooking and things that interest you. I'm looking for a handsome well built top with similar interests, a romantic non-judgmental man that has a life but would like to add a quality person to it. Spiritual good kissers a plus. Lite smoke and drink ok. Your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box FB128.

Be My Valentine Forever

Affectionate-devoted-ruff-smooth-monogamous-love-man-boy-40+-teens+-me-you-Caucasian-Asian-mature-honest-white-red-listen-talk-plus-minus. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 7807, Oakland 94601.

Warm and Affectionate

Caring, witty, bright, professional, yet masculine and straight-acting white Jewish male, 34, gym-toned, HIV neg, quite "cute." Is there anyone out there who cares about affection, trust, communication, compatibility & sex to express intimacy? All responses answered. Photo appreciated. First time ad! Call ★★1745.

Napa Solano Yolo

GWM 45 seeks friend-lover-mate. I am honest, sincere, healthy, happy, employed, stable, kind, considerate and determined to find a special man to share my life. We can't validate one another, but we can honor our individuality and share life's joys. If this fits your pictures, please send photo and phone number to BT Box FB129.

Something Different, But Nice

Attractive GAM, 5'11", 165 lbs, 34, looking for friendship/relationship with GWM around my age or younger. Let's not restrict ourselves to any of the words we usualy use to describe ourselves. As long as you are honest, confident and secure about yourself, please drop met a note (photo appreciated). Reply BT Box FB130 or call ★★1746.

Dirty Rasslin'

Playful & aggressive GWAnimal is looking for some speedo-grabbing, jock-snapping buddies who like long hard play to submission & beyond: 100% safe & sane entanglements from locker-room to down & dirty rassling, c/b, t/t, b/d, w/s, boots, 501's, hoods, etc. All comers welcome, singles or tag, top or bottom with all limits carefully respected. Bonus rounds for pony-tails, speedo-poppers & other rasslin' reprobates. Call ★★1747.

This Is Not a Sex Ad

GLM 29 yrs, 5'7", 160 lbs, blk/brn. I enjoy beaches, outdoors, parks, long drives, quiet evenings at home & movies. I'm HIV negative & into safe sex. I'm looking for men 40-50 years old. Masculine & sensitive. I'm looking for friends & possible relationship. I prefer non-smokers. Reply Boxholder, Box 4679, Oakland, CA 94605 or call ★★1748.

J/O Lovers

Let's hug and feel each other up, work up a sweat rolling and groaning together. Let's kiss lustfully and grope our bodies while we stroke each other's hard cock until hot loads explode between us. I'm 31, 160 gym lbs., brown eyes/hair/beard, some chest/naval hair. You're over 30, muscular, masculine, beard preferred. We're both clean, horny men! Note, photo (required), phone # to BT Box FB131 or call ★★1749.

Masculine Buddy

GWM, 24, looking for masculine bi or gay men 18-35 for sexual relationship. I prefer white guys (no disrespect to anyone else!). Me: 5'8", black hair, brown eyes, clean cut, well hung, Italian, 150#. You: 6'+, clean cut, good shape, all American type. Looking for guys who are athletic, energetic, and love traveling. HIV–, no drugs. Please reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 192403, SF, CA 94119 or call ★★1750.

Interracial Relationship

Fun loving, self-aware GWM 30's looking for a GBM who desires great sex, real intimacy, playful times, and eventually monogamy. I'm professional, in great shape, attractive, secure in who I am and what I need. I'd like you to have the same qualities. Let's meet and uncover some magic. Reply BT Box FB132.

Seeking Mensch as Loverbear

This is about wanting a man in my life: Fulltime, bigtime, and no bullshit. Me: 5'9½", 210 lbs (bulky not flabby), 7/24/51, brown/graying hair, lighter beard also graying, medium body hair, and I'm told great blue eyes and handsome face. Smart, affectionate, intense, a skewed sense of humor, intimate, sensual, honest, vulnerable, healthy, neurotic as the next guy, verbal, opinionated but anxious to debate. Tobacco/alcohol free. I'm not into costumes or sexuality requiring abbreviations to describe. I suppose I am a top, but I'm not concerned about a label; Sex—just like the rest of a relationship—is best when approached equally. As for You: around my height (shorter: big plus), hairy body and face (furry butts: major turn-on), intelligent, verbal, sexy, open, and able to laugh at yourself as well as the absurdities of this Life in the Future. Looks? Too subjective to qualify here. If you think you're handsome, that's a start. Listen—I'm hardly perfect. What I am is a hell of a man who's been waiting too long. Getting laid isn't the issue: I get laid. What I haven't gotten is involved. I want to be in love, and to be loved. No qualifications. No games. Sharing. Honesty. Trust. Affection. Fireworks. Magic. Reply BT Box FB133.

An Adventure in Paradise!!!

Attractive Asian seeks friends/entrepreneurs, any age/race. I'm sincere, HIV–, honest, happy, gentle, fun, fit (be same). Am 5'9", 140, 38 with a hard body, gentle touch, loving heart. Interested in getting into import/export in Asia/Europe (any ideas?). Enjoy traveling, body building, massage, trying new fantasies. Write/call today. Let the adventure begin. Photo (if possible)/phone to P.O. Box 590790, SF 94159. Thank you. Or Call ★★1751.

Answer This Ad

If you'd like to meet a sincere, responsible, masculine, passionate, yet easy-going, 30-something, 5'9", 165 lb., HIV–, healthy GWM with black hair, hazel eyes and Mediterranean good looks and you are masculine, between 29 and 45 years old and enjoy candlelit dinners on a sultry Saturday evening and lazy Sunday afternoons sharing popcorn at a local movie theater. We'll leave Saturday nights to our imagination (for now at least). Your candid response, photo (returned) and phone number please. Reply BT Box FB134 or call ★★1752.

Contra Costa-Walnut Creek Area

Tired of bars? So am I! I'm a healthy GWM, 38, 5'9", 168 lbs., br/bl looking for another east bay GWM, late 20's-30's who appreciates simple things and traditional values. I neither drink nor smoke and would appreciate the same. If you like music, movies, the outdoors, good conversation, spirituality, fun times and have a good sense of humor, then let's talk! Detailed letter, photo optional. Appreciated! Reply BT Box FB135 or call ★★1753.

Financial District

type, 40, 5'10", 150, Italian descent, HIV–, good body, masculine, even-tempered, optimistic, romantic, adventurous, somewhat conservative politically, outside mainstream gay culture. Interests: regional and national issues, the arts, bookstores, SF, quiet home life. You: mid-20's to early 40's with similar or compatible values; aware that a relationship is a process yielding mutual physical pleasure, emotional solace and intellectual growth. Reply BT Box FB136.

Solar Neutrinos

are like my boyfriend—they have yet to be found in nature, but research has defined many of their properties. We know he exists because: 1) He's a lot like me, 2) I exist, 3) Where there's one, there's two. Our salient characteristics include: feminist politics, an easy laugh, emotional competence, a sleek, well-oiled brain, a humanist, experiential worldview rather than a Moral one, a taste for creative adventure, a slowly gathering urge to nest and procreate, and an athletic mid/late twenties-ish body with a yen for exercise—in the mountains, on the street, at the beach or in the sack... *regular* exercise. Potential points of divergence include but are not limited to: 1) General appearance: I'm a handsome, 5'6", blond-haired, blue-eyed, well-put-together elf. 2) Occupational identity: I'm a diligent graduate student in the sciences at UCB while the sun shines, a humanities wannabe dilletante the rest of the time. Photo (returned) and content-laden letter to BT Box FB137.

Padlocked Heart

of GBM, 27, 6', 240 lbs., HIV neg. seeks "key" man for friendship. He must be GM (any race) under age 40, HIV neg., fun, honest, caring, affectionate, drug free, social or nondrinker, into sensual versatile safe sex, have a sense of humor, a warm heart and a nice smile. My interests include (but are not limited to) working out (just started recently), theatre, foreign films, dancing, dining, talking, listening and just enjoying life. I don't smoke (but if you do it's okay). Interested? Send a note (photo optional) or call. Reply BT Box FB138 or call ★★1754.

Just Fun

WM, 27, 6', 160 lbs. Athletic, gym-toned swimmer's body. Handsome in a boyish way. Professionally employed. I like sensitive, confident, articulate guys who, like myself, are passionate about their lives, concerned about the world and other people, and can listen as well as talk (and like to cut loose once in while). Similar stats and near my age (21-34) a must. Calls only. Call ★★1755.

A Masculine Guy...

...is what I am and is what I'm looking for. A masculine guy sounds masculine, looks masculine, acts masculine and wouldn't want it any other way. I am 26, 6'1", 195#, 8", handsome, athletic, well-educated, progressive. You can be either blue collar or well-educated, a cop or a doctor.... I am black, you are latin, black or white. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 190985, SF 94119 or call ★★1756.

Sex Only! Master/Slave

Which one are you? This W/M wants blacks. Hairy dudes for V/A, W/S, kink, raunch, jock straps, smokers, drinkers or ? You bring liquids to recycle. Action at my place. No hang up on age etc. Detailed letter of action a must. SASE gets reply quick. Reply BT Box FB139.

Affectionate Man

I'm a charming 27 y/o Asian, 5'7", 140lb, who is professional, clean cut, and straight acting. I enjoy various sports, exciting movies, romantic dinners and intimate passionate nights. I seek special GWM 20/30 something, who like myself, is generally positive, easygoing, sincere, athletic and physically & mentally active. So, let's spend some quality time together. Pls reply w/photo (will return) to Boxholder, P.O. Box 117666, Burlingame 94010 or call ★★1757.

My Perfect Man...

is strong and masculine but also gentle and sensitive; he can be moved to tears or joyful exhiliration by music, dance or theater and isn't afraid of showing the feelings; he's spiritual but not living in the clouds; he's intelligent, articulate and sophisticated, but also comfortable being playful and spontaneous; he enjoys communing with nature as well as cuddling in front of a fireplace; he lives a healthy lifestyle (no smoking or hard drugs and little or no drinking) and he's HIV-negative, but he's sexually passionate; he's comfortable being alone with himself, but he likes people; he's honest and open, authentic, unpretentious, enthusiastic, energetic, loving, financially secure and generous of spirit. If this description fits you (please don't respond if it doesn't), then you're a lot like me. I'm 45, 6'1", 170, professional and successful, and live in Marin. If you're in your 30's to youthful 40's, and you're looking for a quality person with whom to share your love, your passion for life, and emotional, spirutual and physical intimacy, please write or call. Reply BT Box FB140 or call ★★1758.

Romance!

Would you like to be involved in a romantic relationship with a nice, normal guy? Me, too! I'm looking for a WM 28-40, stable, masculine, in good shape, tall and HIV neg. who lives in SF. I'm 34, 6'3", 175, brown/blue, cleanshaven, goodlooking (WM) who likes movies, music, photography and having laughs. Not into smokers or gym-oholics. Please respond to Boxholder, P.O. Box 2954, SF 94126 or call ★★1759.

Birthday Boy

My birthday is coming next month, and I want to party. I'm a 37 y.o., 6', 190 lb, black male, employed, HIV neg., extremely hung, brown hair/eyes. Very masculine/muscular. Work out

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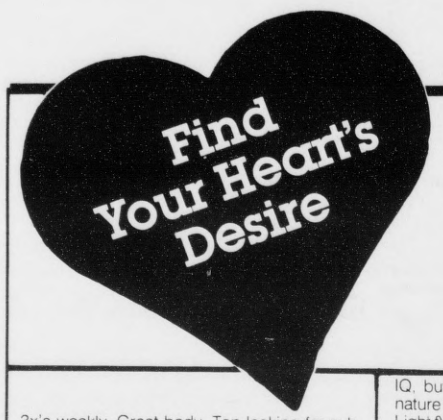

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Let's Get Serious

Finding that special person takes time, patience and work beyond the first date. If you are really serious about building a meaningful relationship I'm too! I'm GLM, 36, 140 lbs., HIV –, stable, masculine, attractive, intelligent, outgoing and very loving. Let's take a chance. To find out more, Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5881, Oakland 94601 or call ★★1761.

Straight Out

Seeking eager men 30's-50's into recreational J/O, titplay, cocktoys, boxer shorts, pumps, etc. Me: BM, 47, 6'4", 170, uncut, longly hung. Exhibitionist most welcome also the curious and shy. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1663, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★1762.

Are you a relationship oriented Asian male? If so, this 38 year old GWM would like to meet you. Your caring nature is more important to me than either your age or appearance. I am looking for a man who is mature and desires to share intimacy. I am 5'9", 135 lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, non smoker/drinker, HIV neg. I enjoy hiking, cross country skiing, travel and most of all sunsets. Please reply BT Box FB141.

Tall, Dark & Handsome/Cute

describes this 25 y.o. (5'11", 165, HIV –) Asian-American seeking a significant other. I am also athletic, friendly, caring and sincere. I enjoy travel, theatre, dancing, swimming, beaches, and cooking. You: GWM, 22-35, HIV –, similar characteristics and interests. Bonus for good sense of humor. Let's explore what life has to offer as we grow together. Reply Boxholder, 415-112 N. Mary Ave., Box 47, Sunnyvale 94086.

Business and Pleasure

I am GWM, 39, 5'10", 155, handsome with thick brown hair, bright blue eyes, moustache and firm, strong, healthy body, a computer professional and artist. I want to meet a) men like myself who have been HIV + and asymptomatic for ten years or more without taking drugs and/or b) men who want to increase their chances for financial independence and/or c) men who want to have great safe sex with the possibility of becoming more intimately involved if a strong mutual attraction is there. I like men who are handsome, smart, muscular/lean, self-assured, honest, and emotionally accessible. Reply BT Box FB142 or call ★★1763.

Wanted: Asian to Cuddle

Me: GWM, red-faced Irishman, 5'10", 200 lbs., mustache, hairy body, non-smoker, non-drinker and 50 yrs. old. You: Asian any age, looking for safe sex, friendship, companionship, etc. Reply BT Box FB143.

Goodlooking Asian Man

40's, 5'8", 140, moustache, cleancut, straight looking and have muscular smooth body, work out regularly, nonsmoker and don't take drugs. Professional & have stable job. Like movies, travel, cooking, gardening, safe sex, kissing, cuddling, etc. Want to meet goodlooking WM for friendship and permanent relationship. Prefer w/moustache or beard. Letter, photo, phone. Reply BT Box FB144 or call ★★1764.

I Am a Handsome, Muscular, Masculine Man

I am bearded, basic, intelligent, stable, aware, spiritual, always growing, and enjoy very manly affection to move in exciting ways. This is my question: How can I know unconditional giving/acceptance when I place so many conditions on my acceptance of a man? I'd like you to be big, very hairy, over 200 lbs., tall, and masculine. There are so many conditions before I open my heart. There has to be an easier way. I am 6', 180, 41 yrs. Reply BT Box FB145.

Sex, Massage and Videotape

GWM, 29, 6'4", 180, graduate student wishes to earn money through giving massage or being in videos or photographs. I'm a handsome certified massage therapist, athletic with a runner's build. I'm sexually versatile and enjoy almost everything from WS to FF. No heavy SM. Please call ★★1765.

Semi-Conscious Questionaire

(Pick Three) you—Recovering from a) substances b) co-dependency c) sex-romance d) drama e) work f) looking at mirrors g) figuring it out h) perfectionism. Like: a) long walks across the room b) weekends at the River c) sex in public places d) Thirty Something e) the Box f) Cafe Flor. Prefer: a) big hearts b) big dicks c) creative d) corporate e) anal-retentive f) funny g) average to low IQ, but nice body. Spiritually like: a) walks in nature b) meditation c) Glide d) MCC e) Radiant Light f) Healing Circle g) Sweat Lodge h) Satan. Difficulty Expressing: a) anger b) love c) passion d) vulnerability e) saying no f) strength g) creativity h) being conscious. Me: Bored with personals ads, professional, blonde, blue, average bod, wants playmates at the River or City. Send: quiz, photo, poem, & favorite scratch & sniff ad. Reply BT Box FB146 or call ★★1766.

My Unhung Hero

is a goodlooking guy 35-50 with eclectic interests; good disposition, personality and sense of humor and who's relationship oriented. A sexually versatile guy with facial hair and great buns. He has down-to-earth values and an honest soul. Overall, he is not hung up on himself; hung up on his ex; hung up on the gym; hung up on social/financial status; hung up at work constantly or hung up on hung!! Me: goodlooking, 35, 6', 160 lbs., mustache, nice face and build. Your photo (returned) and phone # please. Reply BT Box FB147 or call ★★1767.

Football Players Get You Hot?

Like dominant beefy guys? If rugged good looks, heavy thighs, muscled arms, big neck, love handles and a beer gut start your motor, then contact this ex-military, blue collar WM 43, who's very masculine and assertive, but sensible, smart & supportive. I seek a younger guy that wants guidance from a big guy that he can hold onto. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 11582, SF 94101-7582 or call ★★1768.

I Love Puppies!

They're so cute. I like babies too. They're such miracles. And children. They're so easy to be with. I like quality! I'm 29, 5'7", 148 lbs. (great body!), very goodlooking, exceptionally healthy, creative and adventurous. I'm easy and fun to be with, I love to touch...and be touched. I like passion and pleasure, intimacy, outdoors and sunshine. All responses and photos welcome. Reply BT Box FB148 or call ★★1769.

Gentle, Romantic Top

Tender-hearted, handsome, loving GWM, 41, 6', 160, non-smoker with dark blond hair and lanky build wants to meet a monogamous sweetheart of a guy, HIV –, 30-45, who is health conscious, with a collegiate style, good mind, playful sense of humor, and a very big heart. I enjoy being at home together, sharing ideas & feelings, and while I swim regularly, I'm more inclined toward reading, TV, gardening, creative arts, and City interests than athletic and outdoor pursuits. I take my time making love, I talk afterwards, I am a natural giver, a good listener, and someone you can trust with your heart. If you would like to meet a man like me, Reply to BT Box FB149 or call ★★1770 for a quick response. Photos returned but optional.

Tired of Jeff Stryker

Then make room for this sexy Berkeley graduate student: 6', 160 lb., great body, smooth, clean cut, 29 y.o., very attractive GWM. Gives good massage and good lip (conversation). Seeks regular or occasional attractive buddy for dining, VCR watching, and good safe times. It's time to mothball those old Jeff Stryker tapes in favor of some real man-to-man contact. Send a brief description and phone number. Reply BT Box FB150 or call ★★1771.

GWM, 42, 5'10", brn hair, moustache, blue eyes, level-headed, together, intelligent, sense of humor, masculine, good shape (HIV –) seeks to meet other level-headed gay-bisexual men with varied interests. Respond Boxholder, P.O. Box 283, 584 Castro St., SF 94114 or call ★★1772.

Sports and Literature

WM, 26, 6'2", 180 lbs, short dark blond hair, blue eyes. Natural, athletic, boyish looking guy. Graduate student in literature, who likes to balance his studies with sports, eating-out, socializing, and movies. I hope to meet a well-rounded, natural, attractive guy to share both sides with. I like younger guys who are fun, but stable and mature, as well my own age. Specific occupation or ethnicity isn't an issue, but I've a weakness for a cute, smooth, clean face, with a nice smile. Send letter, telephone, and possible picture. Reply BT Box FB151.

Handsome, masculine, athletic, GWM, 28, 5'11", 190, HIV –, possessing sharp mind, quick wit, big heart and strong values seeks companionship with attractive, fit, playful, strong minded and principled GWM or GLM. Wanting to share wealth of interests and concerns, ranging from music (jazz, blues, soul, classic, opera), theatre, movies/film and politics to sports, outdoors and travel to quiet evenings at home, endless make-out sessions and:.. Phone and letter to BT Box FB152 or call ★★1773.

Seriously...

I'm a GWM 39, 6', 170#, clean-shaven, HIV +, healthy, brn/blu, rather hairy, and young-looking; a serious intellectual, a successful computer entrepreneur, a student of philosophy and history, and a writer. I love to read and travel, and seek a quiet romantic monogamous home life. You ideally are a GWM, 20s or 30s, under 6', slender, clean-shaven, smooth, attractive; an intellectual, not afraid of commitment, not a heavy drinker, and on a path in life (in art, science, spirit, business, or whatever) that really calls you. Let's enjoy and explore this amazing life and planet together! Reply BT Box FB153 or call ★★1774.

Bearded and Fun?

Talented college graduate, GWM 22, strawberry blonde hair, blue eyes, warm boyish smile and random, off-beat sense of humor interested in meeting a man in his 20's to 40's with a trim beard and kind, creative energy. Let's meet for stimulating conversations, romantic laughter, theatrical outings, aerobics or midnight Safeway doughnut runs. Somber or pensive men are not for me. Your letter will make my week. Reply BT Box FB154 or call ★★1775.

PWA—Still a Great Catch

39 y.o. GWM, tall, lean, brown/blue, attractive seeks other PWA's for friendship, dating and possibly more. I am sincere, sensitive and warm with a good sense of humor—my first ad got a very poor response—I know you fellows are out there—go for it—take a chance. You might be very surprised. Reply BT Box FB155 or call ★★1776.

Hog Tie My Heart

Of this earth I'm spiritually bound. 31 years I've been around. With looks, brains, and a body that's hot. Just waiting for love to share all I've got. Eyes, hair, beard, all dark as the night. Devotion and loyalty I take not light. With honest communication we'll bond our trust. For affairs of the heart this is a must. Of sex I sweat, and I must even blush. Beneath quiet exterior lies animalistic rush. So cupid I'm waiting. Aim carefully your bow. My heart's ready, of this I know. Let's exchange photos and words from the heart. You never know, could be the start... Reply BT Box FB156.

This Heart

dressed in leather and lace is strong enough to share with you. Are integrity, commitment and loyalty important? They are to this handsome, bearded, 34 year old man. I'm also 6', 220#, biracial (black/white) and a teddy bear for the right man. Into creating art, breaking roles, sharing ideas, recovery, lifting weights and romance. You're willing and able to communicate honestly and when I'm with you my heart skips a beat. Want more? Send letter and photo for response. Reply BT Box FB157 or call ★★1777.

Joy With Peace of Mind

I'm GWM, 41, 5'11", 165, moderately handsome, bearded, balding, professional, spiritual and practical, nature-loving, musical, people-oriented, re-entering dating world. Want to meet somewhat boyish-looking, smooth or not very hairy, non-overweight gay, any race, for possible friendship/intimacy/monogamy. We're likely emotionally compatible if you're very reliable, intelligent, out as gay, available with your time/emotions, communicative, gentle, able to be separate without being disconnected, patient (I'm working on it!), not hooked on substances/materialism/perfection. We're likely sexually compatible if you're masculine, basically bottom, HIV-negative, interested in a committed, cuddly, playful, orgasmic relationship that includes each being responsible for himself and caring for the other. If we really may be a match, I'd love hearing from you. Please include phone. Photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 410015, SF 94141 or call ★★1778.

Special Young Guy Sought As Best Friend

with the hope that we can become much more. Too young to be called "daddy," yet beyond the weekly disco bunny stage, this goodlooking (dark blond, deep blue eyes, 5'11", 150 lbs. lean swimmer's build, 35 yet honestly looks in 20's) professional with a very caring and affectionate nature, seeks a young (20's to early 30's), goodlooking GWM with a brain, a loving heart and healthy libido who wants to build a friendship that could develop into a monogamous relationship. Most attracted to slender, clean shaven guys, 5'9" plus, masculine in both appearance and demeanor. We're both healthy, HIV negative, don't smoke or do drugs, and only drink lightly at social occasions. With descriptive letter, photo (returned upon request), and phone number Reply BT Box FB158.

Cupid's Arrow Struck You As Well?

Goodlkg GWM, professional, 30 y/o, football build, 5'11", 185#, brown hair, mustache, blue eyes fr. Walnut Creek. I work in Bishop Ranch Business Park San Ramon for a major corporation (10 yrs). I'm looking for a relationship w/ someone who is masculine and HIV – like myself. I enjoy sports especially tennis & racquetball, mountain biking, traveling and dining out. Quiet times at home cuddling is definitely ok as well. I believe in honesty, open communication, and especially monogamy. I'm looking for someone 28-38, versatile and enjoys similar activities like myself. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 902, San Leandro 94577 or call ★★1779.

Asian Liaison?

Looking for love in all these pages may be a little much to ask for what with my preference which must necessarily limit my specifications to a boyish Asian, somewhat skinny, 18-26, then my search for "Mr. Right" could go unrewarded (though I know you're out there). Anyway I'm a sincere, romantic W/M, 32, 6', 170#. Love to cuddle, explore intimacy (and sex, too). Am seeking a relationship based on intellectual equality and physical monogamy. If I've caught your attention then surprise me. If we click we'll know it right away. Reply Boxholder, Box 640548, SF 94164-0548 or call ★★1780.

We're Living in Trying Times, Guys

And we're going to need the support and love of our buddies to get us through. That means discarding the jack-off fantasies for some real relating. I'd like to connect with a man who is grounded, passionate in his convictions, self-loving, health-oriented (no smoking or substance abuse, plenty of exercise), open-hearted, not afraid of intimacy, playful, loves the outdoors, sees the sacred in Nature, has wild energy, possesses an intelligence that comes from the heart and balls as much as from the brain, and is well engaged in the inner journey. I'm 41, 6', 165, brown hair/beard, good-looking, HIV negative, fit, healthy, sane. Love camping, swimming, rock and roll, the tender touch, the road less travelled on. Send photo/letter to Boxholder, P.O. Box 170426, SF 94117 or call ★★1781.

Valentine's Wish

For a hopeless romantic GWM, 36, lt. brown/brown, 5'9", 140, HIV –, adventurous, affectionate, intellectual, really a kid at heart. Seeking a soulmate, mid 20's-40's for friendship/relationship in sharing the mysteries and pleasures of life. I love country trips as well as city lights, fireplaces and tidepools, swimming and biking and romantic times. Valentine's memories must start somewhere. If interested, please reply with letter/phone/photo (returnable) to BT Box FB159 or call ★★1782.

Oriental living simple life. Enjoys radio, movies. Looking for friendship. Any race or age. Please call ★★1783

Wanted: Uncut Lover
Any Race or Nationality

Affectionate, monogamous GWM, with hairy chest and warm heart, wants to meet a man with old fashioned values and progressive attitudes. I offer you a pleasant, clean cut appearance, average height and weight, dark hair and eyes, stable temperament, interesting personality and the ability to keep both short and long term commitments. I'm a successful but unpretentious professional who enjoys both outdoor interests and home oriented activities. I'm also a romantic and sensual lover with a sensitive loving disposition. I'm flexible about height, body build, endowment—and average looks are just fine. You may be in your 30's like me, but 20's are okay if you're mature and 40's are no problem if you're physically fit. Please be a masculine (I don't mean macho), active, enthusiastic bottom or versatile in that regard and be HIV negative like me. Reply BT Box FB160 or call ★★1784.

Thirtysomething Hunk Seeks
Gorgeous Counterpart

Complex, passionate muscle-jock wants to meet an exceptional man who is easy-going and assertive, optimistic and purposeful. Although your favorite music, art, books, architecture and sport will interest me, your compassion, strength and warmth, accessability and independence are far more important. Your broad sense of humor, curiosity, charisma and ability to relax mean more than your good taste in food, clothes, care and design. I care more that you're stable, intent on monogamy, open minded and romantic than what your career choice is. I want to create a legendary relationship with a health conscious peer who knows what success is for him and has it. A San Francisco address and sexy/model looks and build are essential too. Our interests may be different, our style may be dissimilar, our looks certainly may diverge, but our values will be shared. The reinforcements in like values and diverse interests will enhance us through our moments of human foible. I'm 6', 190 lbs. with light brown hair and intense blue eyes. I'm successful, very creative, generous, sensitive and often irreverent. Politically and socially aware, materialistic and spiritual, I'm urbane, responsible, articulate and very loyal. Though unabashedly not shy, I have an introspective, private side, grown-up GQ looks, and gifts in brain, heart and body. Though sometimes hyperbolic, serious or even occasionally Type A, I'm really a nicely balanced guy endeavoring to maintain a good quality life. Honest, relevant response with your mandatory recent photo and address will get my number, photo and letter in return, for equal footing when we meet. Reply BT Box FB161.

My Best Friend Is Available!

He questions the value of an ad so I'm writing it for him. I'll call him Biff (not his real name). Biff is very bright, talented, resourceful and handsome. He's tall, trim and a warm, loving guy. He's available emotionally, very considerate and generous. Biff has a deep mellifuluous voice and sings a beautiful baritone. Biff's interests are eclectic and include classical music, modern rock, cars, travel, fine dining, and lending support to his friends. He's playful and outrageously funny and can be grossed out (I can't, which makes him a great target for my sick humor). He's clear and present and rarely says a bad word about anyone (also very unlike me, but he appreciates me anyway). Biff would love to meet someone who is functional, in his mid-twenties to thirties (Biff is 31), who will appreciate him for more than his bulging basket. Biff wants a partner to share with, a reciprocating, loving, monogamous relationship. Biff's types vary, but I think you'll do best if you're sort of new wave, tight body, pretty boy, sensitive and going somewhere in your life. Biff will collect his own mail so include a photo and be as detailed as you want in your response. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 591061, SF 94159-1061.

Biological Curiosity

A taxonomic puzzle: an independent, rationalistic, disciplined transplanted New Englander with hybrid ancestry and Canadian affiliations; also an ardent naturalist/horticulturist (by passion and profession) with an uncommon fondness for the coast. I accumulate incongruous but enthusiastic interests, and possess strong appetites. Are there others of my genus? (No matter—I am outcrosser by nature.) My field-note data: 31 (mind younger than body, but both robust), 5'7", 145 lb, physically active and vigorous, swarthy Mediterranean features (handsome by those standards), hirsute and pathogen-free body. I am able to distinguish the calls of the heart and gonads while attending to both. My pupils dilate widest for full lips, dauntless dark eyes on firm, young (or facsimile) light or dark bodies which are inspired by hungry, mobile intellects and canine instincts. Minimum qualification: human soul, intact, vital. Please, no neo-Hegelians, Pentecostals, or salesmen. Amusing and enlightening letters, preferably with self-portrait, caricature, or charcoal rubbing, are eagerly awaited. Reply BT Box FB162.

Handsome Thirtysomething

Sexy 35 year old, GWM, 6', 180 muscular lbs., brown/hazel, healthy HIV +. Fun loving, well adjusted professional that doesn't take life or myself

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too seriously. Searching for someone with compatible interests and that also entertains the notion of an intimate relationship. I enjoy travel, food, music, water & snow skiing and bodybuilding. If you are a GWM described above and are 28-40, physically & intellectually active, then it's time we met. Reply BT Box FB163 or call ★★1785.

Don't Be Alone, GAM

I'm a GWM, new to the gay world and uncomfortable with bars and games. All I want is an intimate, caring relationship with a GAM who is, like me, kind, romantic, and easy to talk to. I'm HIV –, late 30's, 6', 180#. I look sort of rough: very hairy, moustache, trim beard and, yes, big dick, but that's not me. I'm the kiss, the comfort, the lying together, speaking softly, the warm trust. I'm a versatile, attractive, open, gentle, intelligent, witty, insightful friend and lover. I'm not looking for stereotypes, butterflies, clones, exotics—just a decent, sincere man. Please send photo/letter (don't be shy about your writing) or call. Kind response guaranteed. Reply BT Box FB164 or call ★★1786.

The Ad

Busy, very attractive, masculine, G. Asian-Am., professional, 26, 5'8", 150 lb, HIV – looking to share quality time with a special man. Skiing, walks on the beach, dining and quiet nites by the fireplace. Seeks handsome GM 20-30 with similar interests. Please take a chance. Returnable photo a plus. Reply BT Box FB165 or call ★★1787.

Early AM—Late PM Hijinx

Rather attractive hunky SF cabbie who works 5PM to 3AM seeks a local SF guy with similar schedule for mutual compansionship and hot sweaty mansex. I'm German-Italian, 32, 5'11", 190#, gym-toned, HIV+ with green eyes and dark hair. I enjoy smoky cafes, the gym, and the simple pleasures of life. Let's swap photos and discuss mutual interests. Be my valentine & reply BT Box FB166 or call ★★1788.

A Friend I Call Desire

Creative, eclectic, handsome visual artist and arranger of sound, monogamous, romantic, affectionate, tactile, intelligent, imaginative, spontaneous, idealistic, well balanced, humorous, dedicated, prolific, Byronesque, relationship and goal oriented, great capacity for love, longevity. Into museums, galleries, performances, happenings, treble and bass clefs, film, reading, laughing, sleeping until noon on Sundays, thoughts, the moon, the coastline, firelight, autumn leaves, the cold breath of winter. Desires another artist to explore life's intrigues in the creative realm. Reply BT Box FB167 or call ★★1789.

13th Confession

Latino gay, 25 yrs. old, 5'6", 125 lbs, black hair, dark eyes, blah, blah, blah... Into: Catholicism (chains and all), hip hop/rap and Laura Nyro, Frida Kahlo, surrealism, bad film, theater, reading and writing, Ntozsake Shange, Aztlan, solitude, long walks, dancing... I am a vegetarian, a little quiet, very nice, political, looking for others (another?)... Reply BT Box FB168 or call ★★1790.

Warm, Intimate Co-adventurer

Sought for intellectual, athletic, emotional, and sexual stimulation, both challenging and supportive. We're progressive, bright, very attractive, confident, vulnerable, forthright, non-racist, aware, caring, and down-to-earth, HIV –. Physically: Me—29YO, 5'11", 158#, with classically handsome, (ethnic-ish) boy-next-door good looks, long-torsoed, hairy-chested, runner-legged, with high, tight gluteals. Sexually safely, playfully, versatile. You: (tell me...) Compatible, near 29, endowed, toppish, smoothish? Reply w/photo & phone. Reply BT Box FB169 or call ★★1791.

Handsome, Playful, Substantial

In-shape (6'1", 185 lbs.), HIV-neg., 40 y/o GWM physician w/ Italian good-looks (brown eyes, hair, moustache) wants to meet a stable, masculine, physically-fit and dominant guy, 30-45 y/o, of similar build. I'm fun-loving, easy-going, and adventurous but have depth and a wide range of interests. Special "turn-ons" are hairy or blue-collar types. Letter with photo preferred. Reply BT Box FB170 or call ★★1792.

Zeus Seeking Ganymede

Older guy (early 60's), bald, dark hair/beard, medium height & build, presentable physical condition, semi-shy, would like to meet younger man for possible friendship, intimacy, hitting the sack together, or all of the above. (Why do alone what two can enjoy?) Upbeat, affectionate personality; inquisitive, experimental nature. Fond of music, movies, the countryside, laughter & prolonged physical contact. Great massager. Admires people who dare to risk. Additional statistics available by negotiation (= I'll show you mine if you show me yours.) Actually...I don't really look like Zeus, and so don't expect you to look like Ganymede either... Please reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 460305, SF 94146 or call ★★1793.

At Your Service

Head for hunks by hot GWM 28 yo, 6'2", 180#, with work-out body, HIV+. You GWM 21-38, have a hot body and want regular service. One timers ok. Tell me how you like it. Fantasies encouraged. Reply with photo and note to BT Box FB171.

PWA Seeks Same

for fun, friendship, camaraderie, and romance. I like quiet evenings, movies, kissing, cuddling, playing, hot times, dancing, working out, showering together, adventure, new experiences and kissing. I appreciate honesty, sincerity, humor, style, creativity and a good kisser. I'm a GWM, 29 yo, 6'2", 178#, br/gr and boyishly handsome, in great health with lots of energy. Good boyfriend material. You: GWM, 21-38 and share some of my interests. Reply with letter & photo (returned on request) to BT Box FB172.

These Ads Are Alarmingly Exclusionary

Perhaps I can write an antidote at least for myself. GWM, 44, 5'8", 142 lbs, super-fit and toned. Have placed food and wine (2 great sensual pleasures) ads and made a very good friend; now I am looking for a lover. Not seeking "marriage" nor domesticity necessarily but definitely a sexually intimate partner. You may be younger, you are probably HIV+. I am definitely a "catch." Are you? Photos requested—guaranteed returned. Reply BT Box FB173.

Suck My Sensibility!

Occasionally regressed, irrepressibly ironic 34 yo GWM is a cheerful skeptic in good shape (5'8", 130, blah blah blah). Loves: loud music (Madonna to Megadeth), psychobabble, dancing, social services, gossip, mass media, eyeliner, 49ers, MTV, deconstruction, sobriety, boner (duh), pop culture, semi-colons and dashes, athletics, jawlines, subversion, stuffed penguins, white briefs, good grammar and my inner child. Hates: beach walks, anything crystal, facial hair, intractability, drugs/alcohol, couch potatoes, wannabes, the word "wannabes," child molesters and L. Ron Hubbard's hair. Seeks open-minded, sporty, well-adjusted wise-ass (my age or less) for deeply annoying and furiously fulfilling lifelong (or ten-minute) "r"-thing. Reply "That Guy," Suite 331, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★1794.

Take a Chance, I Am!

For the past 2 years I've buried myself in work in order not to think about what's missing in my life. I have a good job, great friends, a family that loves me, but yet I'm still lacking one important facet. Someone to love and love me back. I know I will not find what I'm looking for in a bar, so I thought I would take a chance with this ad. I'm an attractive 31 y.o. professional GWM, 5'7", 148 lbs, brown hair & eyes, HIV –. My interests include travel, architecture, working out, bicycling, martial arts, good conversation and quiet times with someone special. I would like to meet a man close to my age who is relationship oriented. Someone who may have similar likes or other interests they would like to share. No substance abusers and like myself in good physical shape. Please respond with a letter, picture (optional) and phone number. Reply BT Box FB174.

Friends/Lover

Wanted by GWM top, 41, 5'11" tall, 155#, red-brn hair, blue eyes. Some interests include movies & theatre, the outdoors, the gym, eating out, & quiet evenings at home. Safe sex, HIV –, non-smoker, no drugs preferred. Phone & photo. Reply BT Box FB175 or call ★★1795.

Truth in Advertising

GWM, 34, 6'1", 190 lbs, straight acting/looking, athletic, well muscled, HIV –, br/br, mustache, new to the city seeks relationship oriented individual 25-40. Intelligence and good sense of humor more important than physical characteristics. My interests include sports participation, volleyball, softball etc., working out, hosting dinner parties, bed & breakfasts, and deep conversations. Prefer straight acting, non-smokers who are of equally healthy mind and body. Reply BT Box FB176 or call ★★1796.

Athlete Seeks Same

Athletic, well muscled/toned HIV – GWM sought by good looking, muscular GWM, 33, 6'1"; 190 lbs, HIV –, brown hair/eyes. Blond hair/blue eyes a big plus. Must be sports oriented, serious about staying in shape and like to have fun. Friendship first, relationship possible. Reply BT Box FB177 or call ★★1797.

Silver Bearded Master

42 yo hairy, in-shape, experienced master expects connection with desirous slave with physical and mental assets. Your rewards, when worthy, could include TT, restraint, ass play, CBT, shaving/waxing, whipping, verbal abuse and my forecful dominance. At home your body and mind exist for my pleasure. Socially we are equals. Send photo, self description and request for humiliation. Reply BT Box FB178 or call ★★1798.

A House Is Not a Home

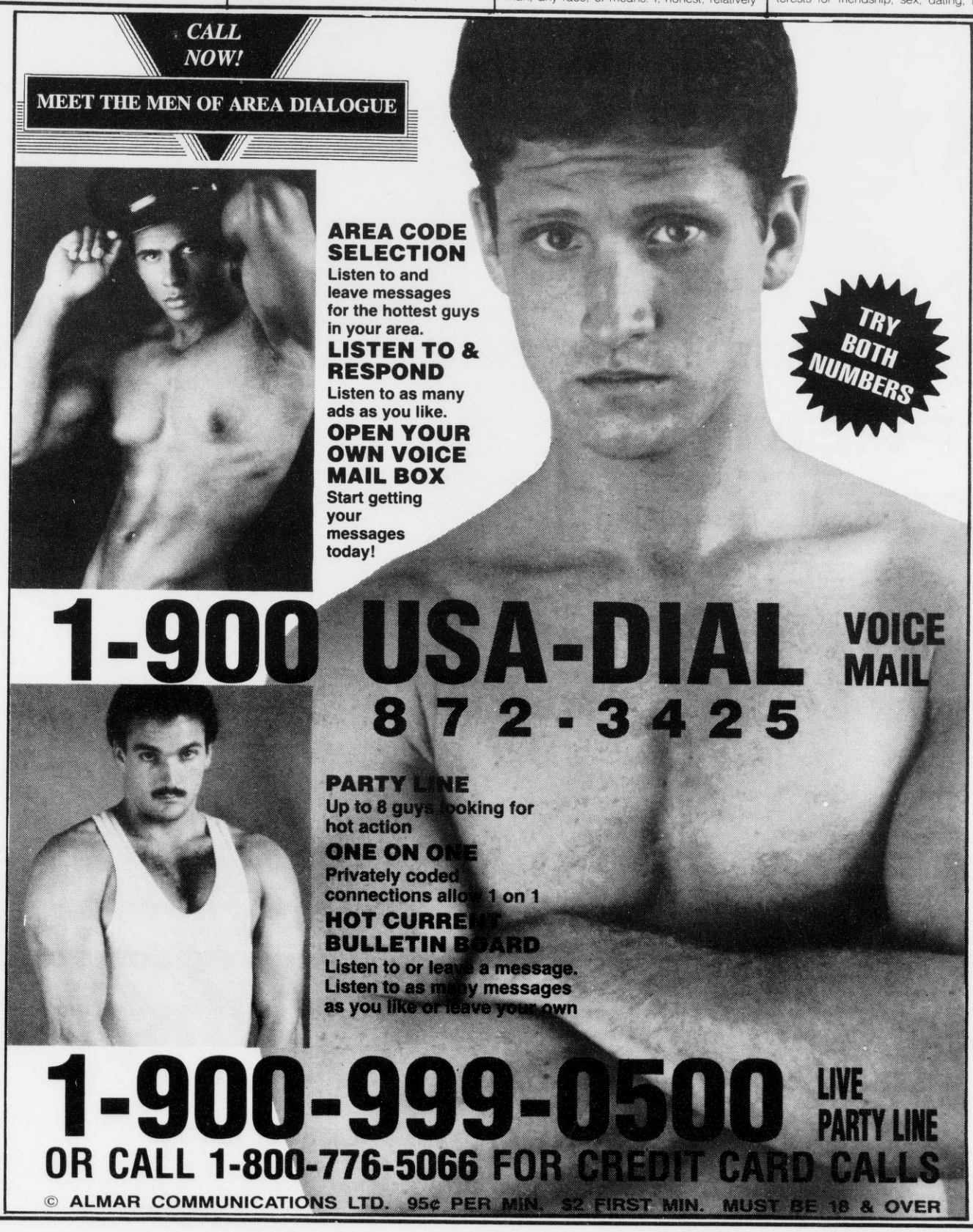
I need a house and a home to come to with someone there to keep me company. 38 y/o GBM, HIV –, 5'9", 190 proportional lbs, seeks man, any race, of means. I, honest, relatively stable and employed. Likes the usual (and unusual). Want to meet someone who accepts who they are and loves life. Am a tolerant and positive person, vet of a long term relationship and monogamous. Would like a romantic muscular male employed or retired 38+, who is a predominant top. We both have strong personalities but need someone to look after. A letter and photo (optional) will be returned if address included. Will try to respond to all. Reply BT Box FB179 or call ★★1799.

Hello

HIV neg. 26 yr. old very attractive WM, drk. hair, drk eyes, 190, 5'10", muscular, wks out daily, not into bar scenes, masculine, straight appearing. Enjoys travel and sober fun on spiritual path. Wants to meet HIV neg. WM 18-30, very attractive big masculine football player-type, well hung top, that enjoys sex, adventure and fun. Possible relationship. Photo a must. Reply BT Box FB180 or call ★★1800.

Born in Xixax

GWM, 6'/155, young 37, handsome, affectionate, cleanshaven, in-shape, versatile. Into foreign languages and faraway places, most music (especially worldbeat, rap, alternative rock, oldies), offbeat films, current events/history, volunteeer work, ethnic restaurants, some TV (Simpsons, Twin Peaks), reading, museum/gallery exhibitions, close friends, great sex. Seeking friendly guys any race with some similar interests for friendship, sex, dating, mating or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If You're a Trailblazer

33 y.o. competitive cyclist wants guidance, encouragement and coaching from an older, responsible, accomplished professional. I'm tall, honest, hardworking, handsome and on a grad school budget with lots to give. You're a big brother, mentor or soulmate who has strength and desire to partner with a talented, younger man. Serious only. Reply BT Box FB182 or call ★★1801.

Unconventional Ad—Organic Gardener

Gardener with 10+ years gardening experience in bay area, using organic methods. Agricultural background & education seeks partner, partners, or collective—object to raise organic veggies & or native plants. Sexual-nonsexual, am open to all possibilities. I'm 41, 6'2", 220#, healthy, HIV neg., blue/br & hairy faced. If you have a place, a proposition, or are interested, let me hear from you. Reply BT Box FB183 or call ★★1802.

Sucker For A Suit

My lefty heart cringes a bit, but after three years of working downtown I'm ready to give in to my lust for slick-haired, gray-suited men with shiny wingtips, suspenders and power ties. If you're between 25 & 35 (I'm 27) with dark hair and eyes, you could be my fantasy. If you also happen to have a social conscience and a sense of humor, you probably are too good to be true. I'm 6'4", with blond hair, green eyes, nice legs and a hairy chest. Send me a letter (with photo), give me a call and we'll meet after work. Reply BT Box FB184 or call ★★1803.

Warm Husky Loving Guy

Wants to build monogamous relationship with another warm, husky, loving guy, 30-55. I am an affectionate, self-accepting man who lives a full and happy life, successful in my career, creative and humorous, spiritual, humble, centered. I enjoy the outdoors—hiking and cycling—without being intellectual, appreciate cultural events without being pretentious. Is your life working well—successful career, good friends, wide ranging interests? Are you connected and grounded? Do you enjoy both city and country? Are you ready to share it all with a loving partner? Consider me: 36 y.o., college educated professional of latin heritage, smooth and tan with dark hair and moustache, 5'8", husky (not obese), HIV negative (seeks same), non-smoker, versatile, average cut endowment, who knows how to give affection and believes in intimacy. Contact by letter, photo optional, to BT Box FB186, for a quick and sure response.

Clean Cut Biker

GWM, 30 years old, brown/brown, 6'1", good-looking, athletic, masculine loves motorcycles and guys who like motorcycles or just like to wear a motorcycle jacket. I'm an ex-football jock and ex-marine. I'm not into the leather lifestyle. Cute guys in motorcycle jackets are a turn-on. Looking for a white male 25 years or younger, non-smoker, no drugs who is in shape and can fit above description and interests. Please reply with photo and phone number. P.O. Box 14241, SF 94114.

Ivory Tower Escape Artist

If I were arrested for sodomy in Georgia, the police record would identify me as: GWM, bl/bl, HIV negative, 29, 5'9", 145, with an Oakland residence. If I were writing a resume and cover letter, I would say that I'm a diligent, enthusiastic graduate student, a budding social scientist. But wait! There's more! A full life for me includes swimming, movies, politics, philosophy, theology, a dash of nonconformity, dancing to new wave and funk music, levitating to classical music, hanging out in forests, scaling headlands, working for a better society, and making two-backed beasts with other men (you bethca it's safe). I've been described as handsome, but then what are friends for? I'm looking for more of them, and maybe I'll also find a man to love. If you're 20ish to 35ish, intelligent, broadminded, good-hearted, and like what you read here, I'm eager to hear from you. I don't discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or foreskin status. Reply BT Box FB187 or call ★★1805.

Dangerous Liaison

With a tall, blond, green-eyed John Malkovich look-alike. I am an old-souled 27, left-minded, right-handed, athletic (not gymbodic), hopefully romantic and healthily cynical. If you are as interested as you are interesting, close to my age and looking for that elusive combination of great sex and great intellectual stimulation don't miss this opportunity. I especially like Jewish, Mediterranean or Latin men. Send me a note (photo optional) or give me a call. Reply BT Box FB185 or call ★★1804.

Justify My Ad

Egglady seeks polyester clad stud. I'm a lean, smooth, 28-year-old hunk o' love into conscious living, yet given to spontaneous outbursts of joy and ecstasy. You: make me laugh, make me think, warm my soul and make me horny. Meet me in Santa Cruz or San Francisco. Go ahead, intrigue me with your photo and letter. Reply BT Box FB188 or call ★★1806.

Goodlooking Asian

Tall, mid twenties, very active, "Silicon Valley" professional looking for someone to attend ballroom or other cultural events together. I am warm, friendly, easy going, humorous, witty, spontaneous, intelligent, straight acting, yet domestic, inexperienced, a health nut. I idolize social workers, people with a strong sense of ethics and want to save the whales (is that passe?). Please respond with a brief description of your interests. Reply BT Box FB189 or call ★★1807.

Attractive East Bay Man

GWM, 29, 6'1", 205 lbs., well built, brown hair and eyes, masculine, HIV –, normal kind of guy. Interests include body building, water and snow skiing, the outdoors, movies, and much more. Looking to meet similar men who are interested in friendship and possible relationship. Have placed ads twice before wiothout much luck. Maybe the third time's a charm. You never know unless you write, photo if possible (returned). Reply BT Box FB190.

Don't Hate Me 'Cause I'm Beautiful

Well, beautiful may be a bit much, but "cute, all American, boy next door" doesn't have the same ring. I'm a GWM, 29, 5'10", 140, cleanshaven and in good shape with plenty of good friends, but still looking for that right combination of physical, emotional and intellectual compatibility. I have the usual interests (movies, cooking, travel) plus a few not so usual (scuba, languages) and I'm open-minded with a good sense of humor. I'm looking for someone with similar "stats" and qualities who's not afraid of honesty and whatever life has to offer. Returnable photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB191.

Be Mine

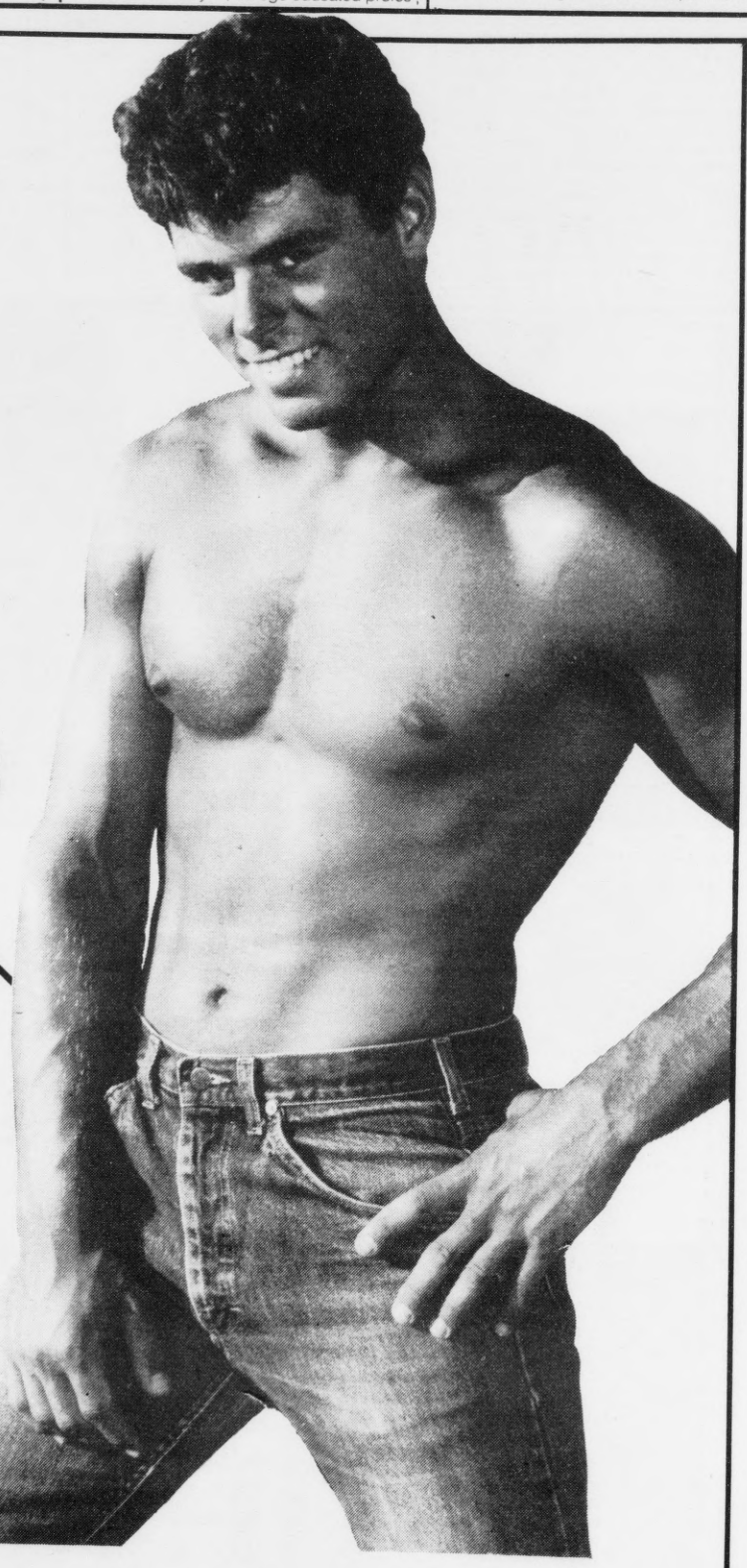
Complex, charitable, self-centered, down to earth, surprisingly shy guy (30's, W/M, 5'9", 155, brn/brn, hairy, HIV –) seeks an easy going, intelligent, down to earth, cuddly, HIV –, W/M for a love relationship. Like the arts, animals, children, the countryside, commitment, literature, spirituality, seasons, intimacy. So, if you're husky, hairy, and blue eyed—won't you be my valentine. Photo/letter (discrete/returned) to Boxholder, P.O. Box 20896, Oakland 94620.

Calling Men Over Fifty!

There's more to it than just sex in a relationship. When sex is "dead" the relationship ends. Had over five years of a weekend sexual relationship with an older man, with whom I tried the best I could to change the relationship beyond "just sex," but failed. Sexual disfunction finally ended the relationship. Are there quality GWM/GAM over fifty who need more than just a sexual weekend relationship? Love, trust, respect and unselfish relationship perhaps! Me: thirty-something, interesting, educated, non-smoker, non-drinker and experienced. I stand 5'2", weigh 110#, with tan complexion and Asian. You can be the judge of my looks when we meet. Those who have an ongoing relationship one way or another, who like hustlers or are interested in short term plans need not answer. If you want life to be shared, let's get connected. Quotation: The beauty of love is not how much you give or how much you get, but how much you share it with others. Reply BT Box FB192 or call ★★1808.

Worthwhile Wants

You've wanted to meet someone worthwhile. You're a bright, informed, rational, non-smoker. Probably 35-50, you've pragmatic, maybe unconventional, and have a fit body (short/tall, and lean to muscular). You're man enough to recognize when it's appropriate to be a kid. The



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Out of the Mainstream

Unique, creative sensualist, handsome and bright, mid-30's, 6'2", 170#. I'm an educated, travelled individual, happy and healthy, honest and considerate, with interests (some professional) in music, film, performing and visual arts, and amusement. Seeking erotic and intellectual adventures with another 30's (or ?), HIV-neg., non-smoking GWM, be they napping in each other's arms, sharing a tub, or spending time in an opera house. Letter and returnable photo to BT Box FB194 or call ★★1809.

Kinky Party Guys

GWM, late 30s, 6', 180, muscular, masculine, cleancut, seeks kinky, uninhibited guy(s) who like to party, get down and actuate some of our wilder, darker fantasies. Let's explore the hidden side of ourselves and be honest about our turnons. Some of mine: dominance/submission, bondage, humiliation, role plays, etc. Let me know yours. Reply to Boxholder, Station B, Box 2940, SF 94126.

I'm looking for someone who's willing to take a chance on actually finding true love. I'm a 22 y.o. professional who enjoys going out to dinner, dancing, melting into each other's arms, and long soul-to-soul talks. I'm looking for a stable person to share some romantic evenings, hopefully soneone near to my age, but finding the right person is the important thing. I'm 5'8", 185#, and fairly attractive. I particularly like down-to-earth types who are ready to get serious. If you're ready for the real thing, give me a try! Reply BT Box FB195.

Is This You?

Do you crave intimate manhandling & affection? Seek supportive guidance, discipline, affirmation & companionship from an officer, mentor, trainer, dad or big brother? Seek to proudly serve as a recruit? Trainee? Aide-de-camp? If so, a healthy prof GWM, ex-military officer, 58, 5'11" wants to explore and capture your mind, heart and body for a live-in relationship. You should be responsive, intelligent, computer literate (or aspiring to learn), healthy, no alcohol or drug abuse. Non-smoker pref. Bonus points for college student or grad; military service; bodybuilder; athlete; engaging personality. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 61334, Sunnyvale 94088-1334.

Metaphysical?

Medicine Cards, The Runes, I Ching, are among the guides I use for self growth. If you relate and believe in continually exploring our higher Selves, read on. I'm 5'8", 160, brown/hazel, trim beard, handsome youthful 43 HIV–. Hobbies: skiing, community theatre, synthesizer, new age, classical & light rock music. I'm a successful businessman looking for someone to share time with between my Russian River home and the City. I enjoy mutual massage and gentle intimacy. Physically I relate best to men 30-40 around my size or smaller, smooth chests, and youthful features, HIV–. Send letter with photo to Boxholder 704, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call ★★1810.

GWM, 41, 5'11", 165 lbs, br-gr, architect with an intellectual bent (books, movies, classical music, ballet, & etc.). Quite outdoorsy: addicted to bicycling. Easy going, happy and stable, interested in a relationship with a congenial soul. Since flesh also matters, please send a (returnable) photo. Reply BT Box FB196.

Wanted: Tall Teddy Bear

Somewhere in the world is a tall handsome bear who wants to love and be loved with a pure heart. Ideally you're 6'1", 195#, 30's, open, honest, different, responsible, independent, negotiable, creative, a character with integrity. I'm small, cute, furry, 30, HIV-neg, N/S, spiritual, musical, versatile, modest, practical, sensitive, idealistic, feisty. Into music, nature, God, square dancing, leather, friends. Looking for a partner to share the joys and pain of life, yet have room to be individuals. Write Boxholder, P.O. Box 2894, Santa Clara 95055.

Fuzzy Bear Seeks Cub

Attractive GWM, 36, 5'10", 160 seeks stable man, 25-35, for dating, safe passion and a possible future together. I work in SF but live in the east bay. Interests include video, bicycling & fiction. Prefer slim, boyish, energetic men who are affectionate and somewhat submissive in bed yet masculine in appearance and demeanor. Please respond with sincere letter and photo if possible. Reply BT Box FB197 or call ★★1811.

Lonely Man in Uniform

seeks single young man 20-35yo, who is interested in making friends or possible relationship. Someone who is sincere and has honest values. Someone who takes the time to get to know one another, before any pleasures of the flesh can be fulfilled. I know it's a lot to ask for, but I can only surrender my fidelity to one. You only need to know what you want. I do! I am an attractive, down to earth, 25yo Latin man, 5'4" & 125 lbs., with dark black hair, deep brown eyes, fair complexion and a tight body build. Your letter and photo gets mine. (Photos returned.) Reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 5015, Oakland 94605.

GWM, 34, 6', 175 lbs, br/br, relatively fair, asymptomatic HIV+, trim, attractive. I enjoy the company of bright people who are interested in the arts, read a lot and like a good laugh. I have a dark side that expresses itself in humor—a safe place for it. I am open to possibilities, tho I am most interested in ultimately developing a monogamous relationship. All letters & photos responded. Reply BT Box FB198 or call ★★1812.

L.A. Bound Bodybuilders?

I'm looking to meet some aspiring bodybuilders who wish to relocate or check out Los Angeles. I'm offering Southern California friendship, not financial assistance. Although I'm not a bodybuilder, I find them very attractive and am seeking friendship/relationship. Physical intimacy is not a prerequisite for my friendship, although someone uninvolved would be nice. I visit family in SF monthly, so please write if you'd like to meet me. I'm VGL, 28, 5'10", 160, boyish, smooth, and kind. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 34381, Los Angeles 90034 or call ★★1813.

Attractive Feminine GAM

sought by very good looking masculine WM 40, blue eyes, light brown hair, tall, trim, moustache. Please be slim & sexy, very feminine, no facial or body hair. Big plus if you crossdress, use make-up and enjoy wearing ladies lingerie, are 18-28, and into massage, masturbation and safe sex with well hung, long lasting guy with multiple orgasms F/P. Call, write for my photo now. Reply BT Box FB199 or call ★★1814.

Versatile & Monogamous

Good looking athletic type GWM 5'6", 145, HIV+, muscular built and very affectionate loves the outdoors, works out regularly, world traveler, c.w. dance. I'm someone who likes to explore the edge of life. If you'd like to add to this list and are 28 to 45, athletic type, HIV+ or PWA, still very active, non-smoker who's also looking for adventure, romance, and willing to explore intimacy look no further. Reply BT Box FB200 and I'll get back to you by phone or letter with photo, or call ★★1815.

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Passion Play

Here's the basics: GWM 32, 6'1", br/br, 195, HIV–. I'm a very independent minded, progressive thinking man, out of the mainstream, with remarkably varied interests. I'm a passionate fan of all types of movies, music from Verdi to the B-52's, cooking, eating, politics, bizarre art, eclectic humor, card playing to all hours, to name a few. I hope to meet someone with common interests, or new ones to explore. You will hopefully be healthy, happy, motivated, creative and outgoing. Long hair can be a turn on, as are green eyes. So what have you got to lose. Invest a quarter, write a meaningful letter. Photos are nice but not essential. Reply BT Box FB201 or call ★★1816.

Cuddly Valentine Needed

I want a monogamous relationship with someone smart and considerate, passionate and playful. I value honesty, trust, communication, great movies, and all the usual gay things like brunch, Twin Peaks, and teddy bears. I'm ready for dating, weekend adventures, and eventually, setting up house. I'm a GWM, 41, HIV neg., 5'5", 130, brown hair and beard, sexy body. My mate would be similar in age and build, HIV neg., non-smoker, non-drinker, and a great kisser. Reply BT Box FB202 or call ★★1817.

Be My Companion

Very nice, easy going, romantic, optimistic GWM, 45, 5'11½", 171 lbs., greyish-brownish hair, mustache, hairy chest, looking for monogamous, non- or light smoking Asian in his 30's or 40's interested in the arts, particularly movies, travel, music, great kissing, and in time creating a world of our own. Reply BT Box FB203 or call ★★1818.

Attn: Beard Bearers

Hey there! This GBM is on the lookout for bearded men available for romps in the hay. Specifics... Me: 29 y.o., 6', 175 lbs, aggressive bottom with good looks, facial hair, nice pecs, buns, thighs and abdominals. You: Good looking (either top or bottom) with facial hair and in relatively good shape, and older than 25. I have a particular fondness for sun-bleached and reddish highlights, and bearded men of Jewish, Middle Eastern and Japanese descent always grab my attention (a job at the U.N. would be like heaven!). This funloving gay requests your reply: Boxholder, Box 61, 1001 Page Street, SF 94117 or call ★★1819.

Life's An Adventure!

Full of surprises, but for now let's say I'm 27 y.o., 180#, 5'10" and Mediterranean. A true and tender heart lies beneath my brash facade. You'll be frequently amazed—never disappointed. Reply BT Box FB204 or call ★★1820.

Attractive Mediterranean

32, 5'8", 145 lbs., blk hair, soft brown eyes. New to America. Basically, I'm a romantic who enjoys culture, classical music, traveling, etc. Seeks masculine, healthy, serious but fun-loving guy who can expose me to American culture. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB205 or call ★★1821.

All Around Wonderful Man Desires Same

Handsome, Hispanic descent, 31, 5'10", 155 lbs., dark brown hair and eyes, HIV–, desiring a partner to share an intense love of life with. My interests include travel, business, camping, skiing, health, spiritual journeying, ritual, healing...and eventual "family" and country life. My physical desires are for a man who is taller, heavier, versatile, intense yet emotionally stable and monogamous. Interest in Spanish a plus. Happy Valentines Day. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 215, 1800 Market, SF CA 94102 or call ★★1822.

The Bigger You Are the Happier I Am

If you're tall and hunky and would love to "smother" a very handsome and healthy Spanish decendant who's 31, 5'9", 155 lbs. with dark hair and eyes, HIV–, and very versatile, let's explore the great outdoors and the great indoors, our bodies, minds and our hearts together. I have so many interests, and there's so little space. Photo/phone. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 215, 1800 Market, SF 94102 or call ★★1823.

Handsome & Adventurous

GWM seeks potential relationship with a goodlooking, fun loving GWM 30-40. I'm 5'9", 37, 150#, lt. brn/blue, healthy, in shape, HIV+, passionate, sensitive, caring and romantic. I want another who enjoys travel, gym, movies, music, water/snow skiing, beaches, boating and more. Reply BT Box FB206 or call ★★1824.

Culture Junkie

with black sense of humor. Curiosity and interest in new ideas, pop culture, book stores, junk shopping, history, words, music (from Loretta Lynn to George Clinton to AC/DC to Maria Callas), photography (Arbus), architecture, blowing bubbles, films, museums, toys, eating and cooking good food, running, and reading. I loathe mediocrity, apathy, rude or negative people, pretentiousness, acid-washed anything, and the on-going war. I don't feel a person needs to be enshrouded in leather and fluorescent stickers, pierced, or have a tattoo in order to be gay (though I can appreciate the effort). I am tall, handsome, sensual, college-educated, creative, both energetic and lazy, down-to-earth, honest, fun, sometimes shy, and excited about what life has to offer. Are you? Reply BT Box FB207.

"Married, But..."

Attractive, v. bright, slim, built, athletic, intense, professional, thirtysomething guy, 6 ft., 160 lbs, brn/grn, HIV+ & healthy seeks attractive, slim-husky, tender, mostly top, sexy guy 30-42, or couple. This is my 1st ad. I'm in a long-term relationship, so I'm discreet—you are too. From San Francisco to Palo Alto area. Photo & letter please. Reply BT Box FB208.

Single Seven Years

And Just-Over-the-Hill into the thirties and wondering what happened, what's it all about, where are you?! Me: GWM AIDS professional who happens to be negative but positive about life. 5'9½", 150 lbs, good looking (but not a body builder). Energetic, creative, intelligent, ambitious, driven, insecure, introverted and very outgoing. You: can hold up your end of a conversation and cause chemical reactions on the second, third and fourth date. I'm too old-fashioned for this phone stuff—send letter. Photo a plus. Reply BT Box FB209.

First Time 'Round

GWM, 54, 5'7", 160 lbs., br/gr. Inexperienced, responsible professional, with sense of humor. Enjoys movies, videos, theatre, soft music, playing piano, and quiet evenings. I'm sensitive, caring, honest, romantic, somewhat shy, not into bars, looking for non-smoker, non-drinker, non-drug user, who is serious, caring, for monogamous first time relationship. San Jose, or South Bay, preferred. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 9550, Stanford 94309 or call ★★1825.

Serenity Soulmate

Living one day at a time. Working a spiritual program. Learning to accept my southern boundaries. If this sounds familiar, then maybe it's time to meet. At 31, I have chosen many changes in my life. Still, these have not excluded fun & interest in my career, music (Deelite to Wagner), non-fiction (Capote to Beatie), art & exercise. I don't expect to meet a perfect match: opposites can attract. But, no drugs & alcohol are a must. It seems beyond difficult to connect sometimes, but we also know the possibilities in life are truly infinite. Maybe my 6'1", 170 lbs., Asian/American/European heritage connects even stronger. Drop a line. Send a photo, please. Reply BT Box FB210 or call ★★1826.

Peace Breaks Out

Fine clear mornings, these early wartime days. I'm running through Golden Gate—great therapy, says the therapist, and it exhiliarates—past the peaceable swans of Stow Lake. At home there's a cat wanting breakfast, a pile of work on the desk—a magazine piece on AIDS and kids to write, a seminar to prepare. Those balmy Mexican nights seem long ago, not just weeks. Friends stop by for coffee and conversation, something tension-easing like "Cyrano" or a Double Rainbow ultrachocolate. Wartime intensifies, clarifies. For this thirtysomething boy-next-door, 5'11", 175 lbs, HIV–, with semi-WASPy good looks, domestic peace would mean a thirtysomething grownup, warm, winsome and cuddlesome, maybe wise. Reply BT Box FB211 or call ★★1827.

Ready for Real Relationship

Fit, youthful GWM, 50, 5'11", 165, brown, fair, HIV–, top, seeks monogamous relationship with together, masculine HIV– partner. I'm stable, professional, open minded and growth oriented, a non-smoker/drinker, and have broad interests especially including the arts, psychology, and fitness. You are stable, slim, probably younger and smooth, and ready to work at creating a quality relationship. Photo preferred. Reply BT Box FB212 or call ★★1828.

Show It Off!!

Handsome Latin (29) gets off having you show off your well built body. I'm a great audience. Flex, pose, strut your stuff. Let's talk about it. I'm great at encouraging you to explore your fantasies. You: under 40, any race, send photo if possible, will return. Do it!! Reply BT Box FB213.

Clean, White Briefs

look good on my cute, round butt. Maybe you should pull them off anyway and smell my freshly laundered balls. Or perhaps you'd like to do it dirty. Either way, this slim, collegiate-looking, 34 year old (5'7", 140 lbs, dark blonde hair, blue eyes) is eager to please dark men with prominent features who know what they want and how they want it. Prefer someone my age range up to forty, who has a brain and looks good in a jock. My Munsinger's are ready. Reply BT Box FB214 or call ★★1829.

Asian

I'm a GAM, 29, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim, attractive, intelligent, looking for a long-term, one-on-one relationship. The humdrum of work-a-day life affords little opportunity to meet people, so I'm turning to the personals. I am attracted to men of character, 35-45, professional. I enjoy movies, deep conversation, good laughs, languorous Sunday mornings... Reply BT Box FB215.

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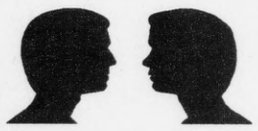

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Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, **or** . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled **no**. However, **vetoes** are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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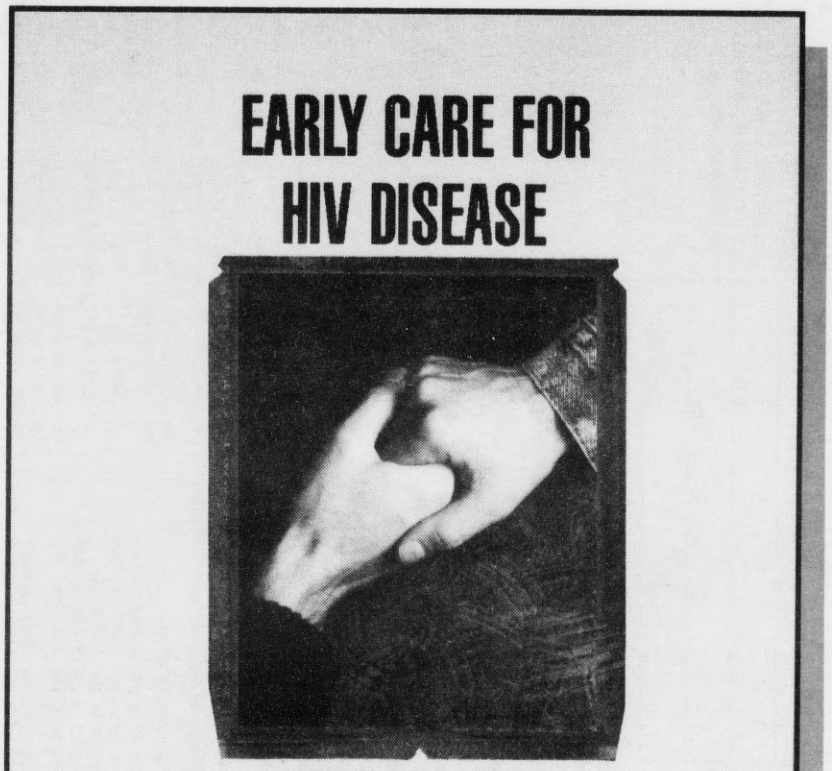

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